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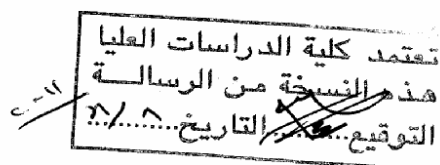
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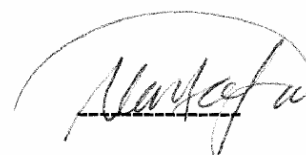
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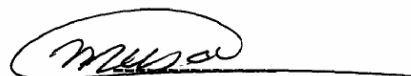
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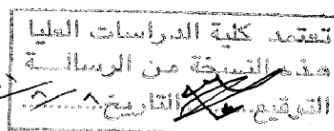
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## List of Abbreviations

**2D** : Two Dimensional.

**COSY** : Correlated Spectroscopy.

**DEPT** : Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer.

**HIV** : Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

**HMBC** : Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Connectivity.

**HMQC** : Heteronuclear Multiple Quantum Coherence.

**HRMS** : High Resolution Mass Spectrometry.

**MS** : Mass Spectrometry.

**NMR** : Nuclear Magnetic Resonance.

**TLC** : Thin Layer Chromatography.

**IC<sub>50</sub>**: Half maximal inhibition concentration.

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## Abstract

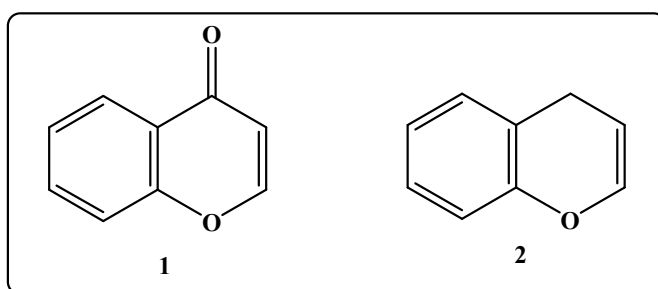
The new flavone-7-yl hydrazonoyl chloride (**78**) was obtained by the Japp-Klingemann reaction, starting from 7-amino-4-flavone. This new hydrazonoyl chloride was reacted with selected secondary amines in basic media, to deliver the corresponding flavone-7-yl amidrazones (**79a-n**). New flavone-7'-yl [1,2,4]triazin-6-ones compounds (**80a-k**) and flavone-7'-yl pyrrolo[1,2-*d*][1,2,4]triazin-1-one (**81**) were synthesized by treating flavone-7-yl hydrazonoyl chloride with L-( $\alpha$ )-amino acid methyl esters. These newly synthesized compounds were characterized by different spectroscopic techniques, such as  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ , DEPT, 2D-NMR (COSY, HMQC and HMBC) and mass spectrometry. Preliminary screening of these compounds Against different tumor cell lines was performed ; and a number of these compounds exhibited good to significant antitumor activity against T47D, MCF-7 breast cancer and K562 leukemia cell lines.



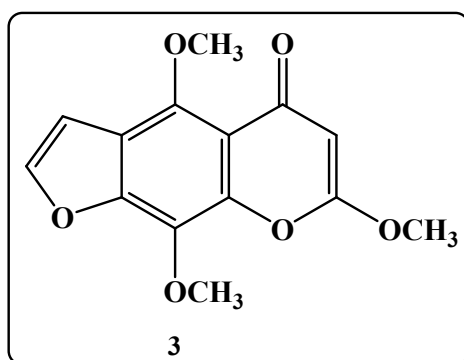
## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Importance and applications of Chromones

Chromone **1**, 4H-chromen-4-one, is a 4H-1-benzopyran-4-one (Ellis, 1977), (Sosnovskikh, 2003), (Buchholz *et al.*, 2005), that is a derivative of benzopyran **2** with a substituted keto group on the pyran ring (Altounyan and Howell, 1967).



Chromone crystallizes in colorless needles of mp 59 °C (Becker, 1991), (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003). The first chromone used in pure form in clinical practice was khellin **3**, which was extracted from the seeds of the plant *Ammi visnaga* (Mustapha, 1879), (Edwards and Howell, 2000).



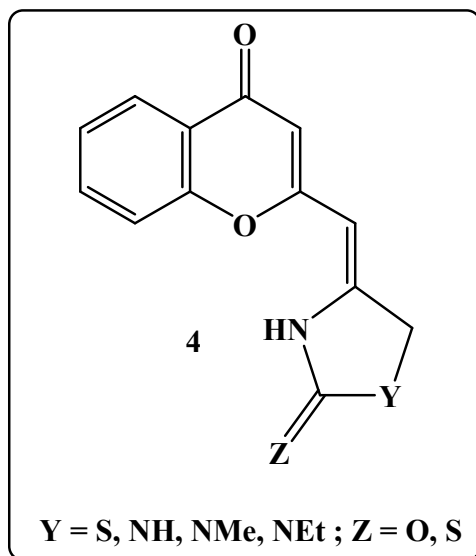
Chromones have attracted much synthetic interest because of their reactivity and their biological activity of its naturally-occurring representatives (Bracke, *et al.*, 1997), (Marder, *et al.*, 1998), (Bhat, *et al.*, 1999), (Miao and Yang, 2000), (Mubarak and Ayoub,

2007). Chromones are well known for their antioxidant ( Jovanovic, *et al.*, 1994) (Kumar and Yusuf, 2006), anti-inflammatory, antifungal, antimicrobial, antiviral, antitumor and anticancer activity due to their well-recognized antioxidant properties, stem from their ability to neutralize active forms of oxygen and to cut off free radical processes. (Machado, 2010).

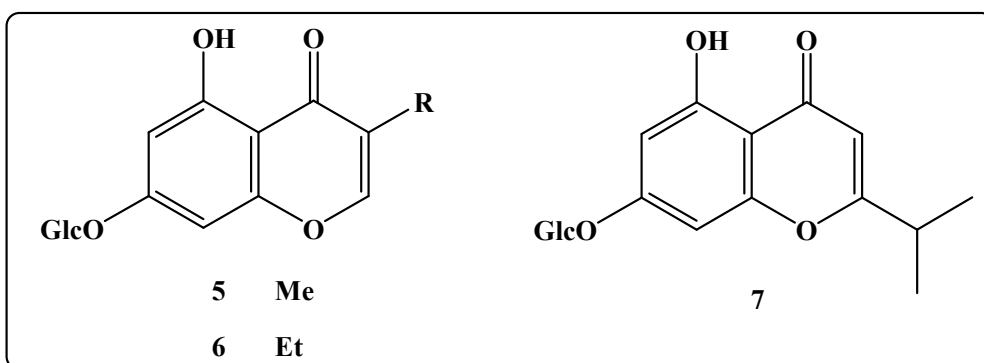
## 1.2. Natural chromones

Molecules containing the chromone ring have been the subject of considerable chemical interest in the past decades. They occur widely in nature and exhibit important biological as well as pharmacological activities (Billet, *et al.*, 1945), (Azima, *et al.*, 1951), (Cox, 1967), (Cox, *et al.*, 1970), (Kumar and Yusuf, 2006). They have been shown to be tyrosine and protein kinase C inhibitors, as well as antifungal, antiviral, antitubulin, antihypertensive (Bhat, *et al.*, 1999) and anticancer agents (Bracke, *et al.*, 1997). These compounds also possess low mammalian toxicity and are present in large amounts in the diet of humans due to their origin in plants (Hoult, *et al.*, 1994), (Bourne *et al.*, 2003).

Recently, some chromones are reported as anti-HIV agents (Alloway, *et al.*, 2003); Khellin **3** (Brehm, *et al.*, 1994) and 2, 4-thiazolidinedione **4** (Dow and Kreutter, 1995), (Bhushan, *et al.*, 1998), (Ishar, *et al.*, 2002) were used as antispasmodic agents in the treatment of angina pectoris and antidiabetic agents (Kumar and Yusuf, 2006).



New Chromone glucosides, takanechromones (**5 – 7**), were isolated from the methanolic extracts of *Hypericum sikokumontanum* together with 27 known compounds. The isolated compounds and some chromone derivatives were assayed for antimicrobial activity against *Helicobacter pylori* and cytotoxicity against human cancer cell lines. (Higuchi *et al.*, 2009)

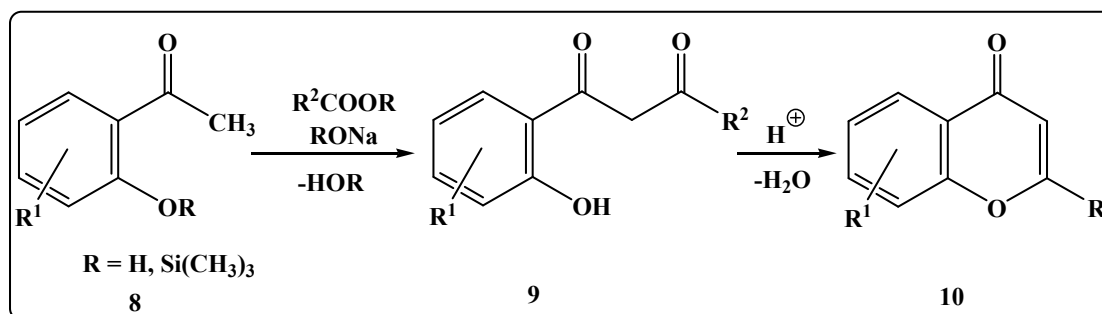


### 1.3. Synthesis of chromones

Most syntheses of chromones require the prior construction of a 1-(ortho-hydroxyl)-1,3-diketone **9**, and it is in the manner in which this intermediate is generated that the methods differ (Joul and Mills, 2000). Such methods include: Claisen condensation, Baker-Venkataraman rearrangement (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003), and Kostanecki-Robinson reaction (Wawzonek, 1950).

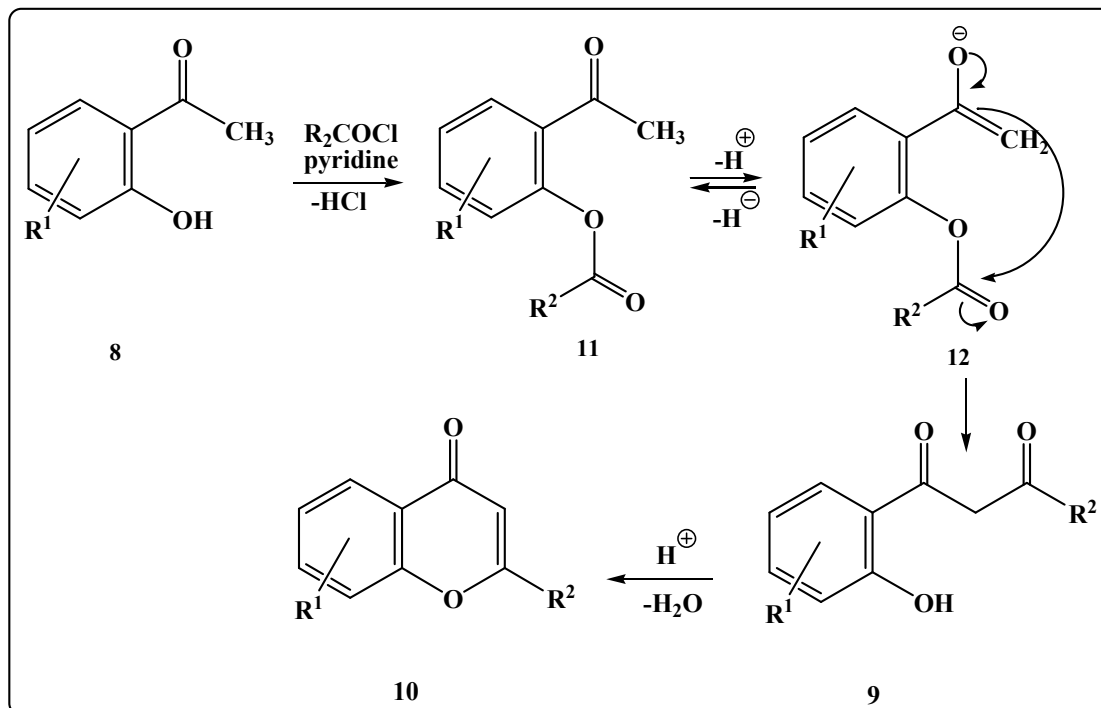
#### 1.3.1. Claisen condensation

The most frequently used method is the acid-catalysed cyclization of o-hydroxyaryl-1,3-diketones **9**, which are obtained from o-hydroxyacetophenones **8**, especially in their O-silyl (Cushman and Nagarathan, 1991) protected form, by a Claisen condensation, (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003).



#### 1.3.2. Baker-Venkataraman rearrangement

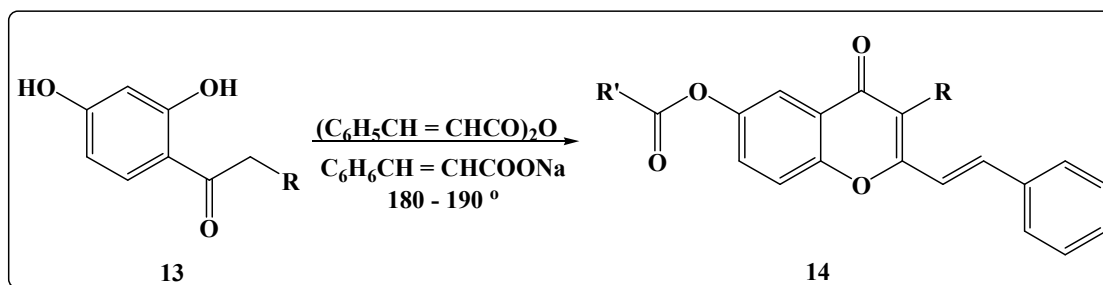
An alternative route to β-diketones **9** is the base-catalysed isomerization of o-acyloxy acetophenones **11**, which are readily obtained by O-acylation of o-hydroxyacetophenones:



The Baker-Venkataraman rearrangement can be regarded as a 1, 5-acyl migration in the enolate **12** and is of great value in the synthesis of flavones (Eicher and Laas, 1989), (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003).

### 1.3.3. Kostanecki-Robinson reaction

This reaction is a reliable method for the preparation of chromone only from aromatic anhydrides and the corresponding sodium salts. This combination gives flavones and has probably been used more frequently for the preparation of these compounds than any other method because of the simple steps involved. Cinnamic acid **13** derivatives behave similarly and give the 2-styrylchromones **14**. (Wawzonek, 1950).

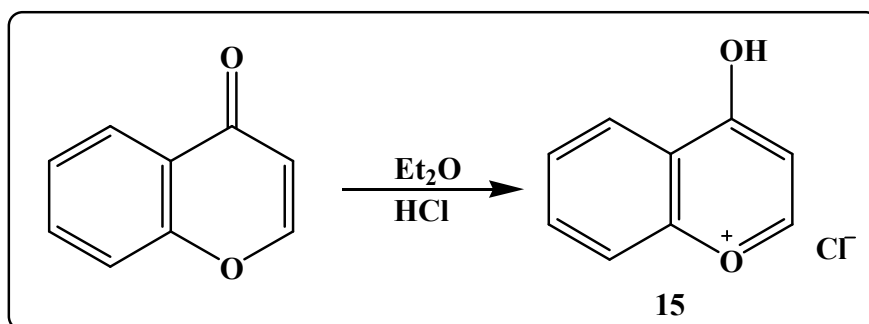


#### 1.4. Reactions of chromones

Chromones show analogies in their reactions to 4H-pyran-4-one, i.e. they behave as masked 1, 3-dicarbonyl systems (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003). Protonation, alkylation, reaction with electrophilic and nucleophilic reagents, reaction with oxidizing agents (Joul and Mills, 2000) and photo-structural transformations. (Kumar and Yusuf, 2006).

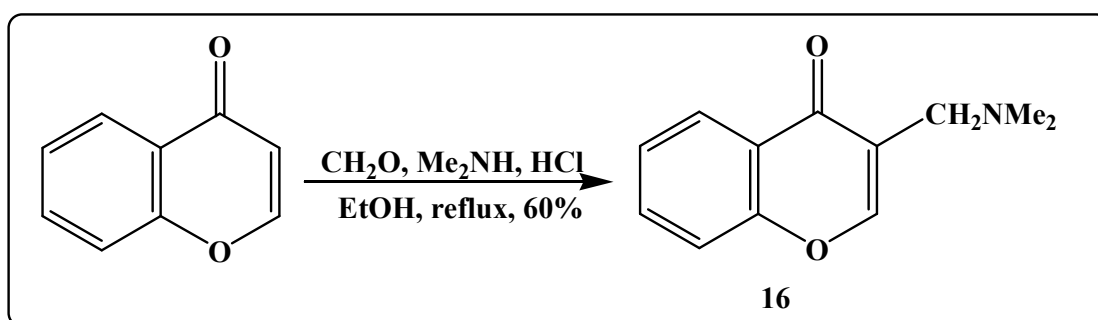
##### 1.4.1. Protonation and alkylation

Protonation and alkylation occur on the carbonyl oxygen to produce a hydroxylbenzopyrylium salt **15**. (Joul and Mills, 2000)



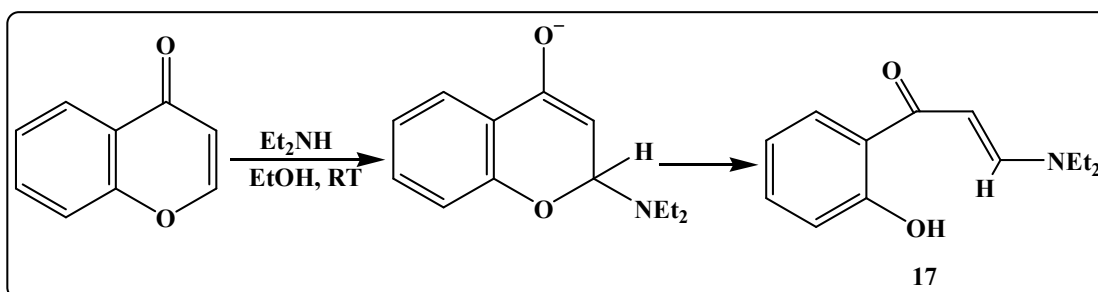
### 1.4.2. Reaction with electrophilic reagents

Electrophilic attack takes place at the deactivated pyran-4-one ring in the 3-position; e.g. aminomethylation **16** can be brought about under Mannich conditions. (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003).



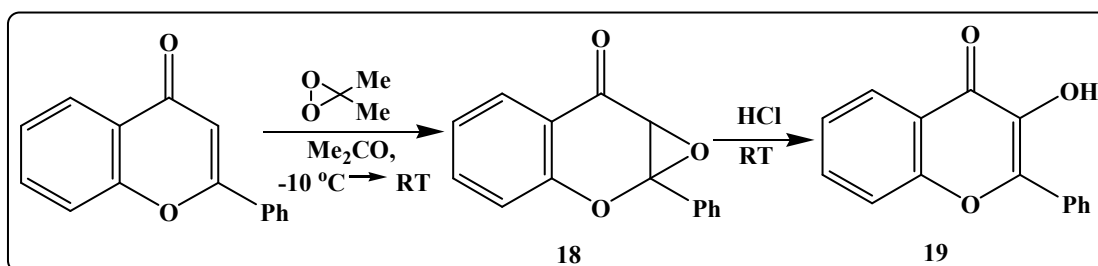
### 1.4.3. Reaction with nucleophilic reagents

The chromone system behaves as a Michael acceptor towards nucleophiles. Normally, attack occurs at C-2, but is less likely on C-4. The addition product underwent to frequently ring transformations. (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003). Ring-opened products **17** was obtained from the reaction of chromones and secondary amines where the nucleophilic agent has attacked at C-2. (Joul and Mills, 2000)



#### 1.4.4. Reaction with oxidizing agents

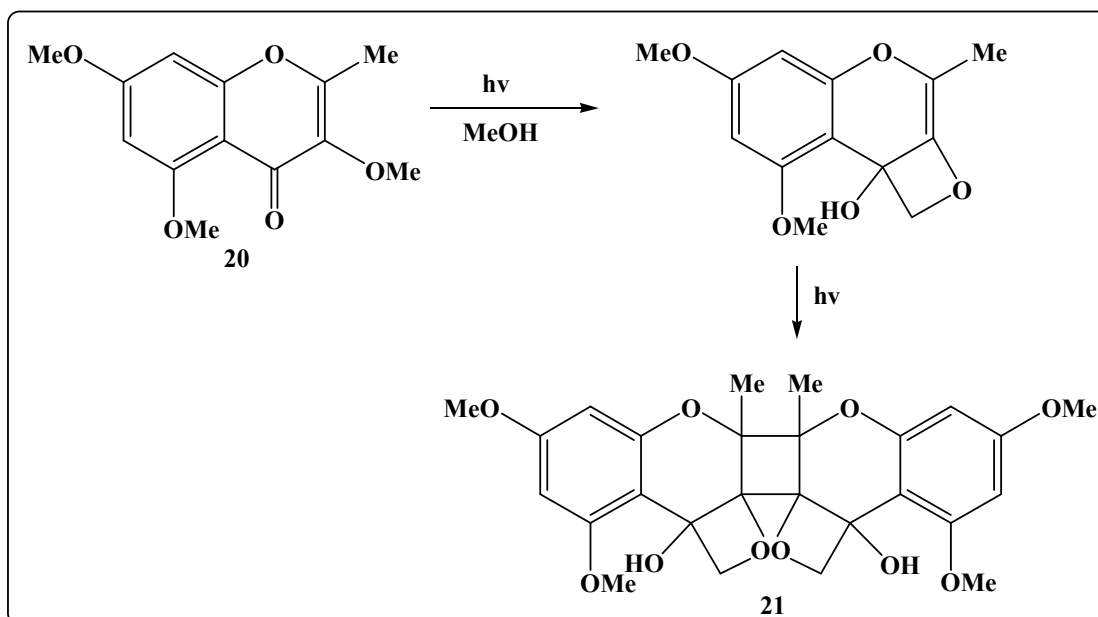
2-arylchromone (Flavones), are quantitatively converted into 2,3-epoxide **18** by exposure to dimethyl dioxirane. This synthetic intermediate is converted by acid to 3-hydroxy flavones **19**, which are naturally occurring (Adam, et al., 1991), (Adam, et al., 1992), (Joul and Mills, 2000)



#### 1.4.5. Photo-structural transformations of chromone

Chromones are bichromophoric substrates that contain double bond as well as  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  group as the chromophoric units which can undergo photo-excitation either in isolation or in conjugation. Chromones undergo photocycloaddition, photodimerisation, photoisomerisation, photorearrangement, photooxidation-reduction and photocyclisation reactions involving both  $\text{n} \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions. For an example: Gupta and Mukerjee (Gupta and Mukerjee, 1973) have reported the phototransformation of 3-methoxychromone **20** where H-abstraction coupled with dimerization has led to the formation of dimeric oxetanol **21**. (Kumar and Yusuf, 2006).





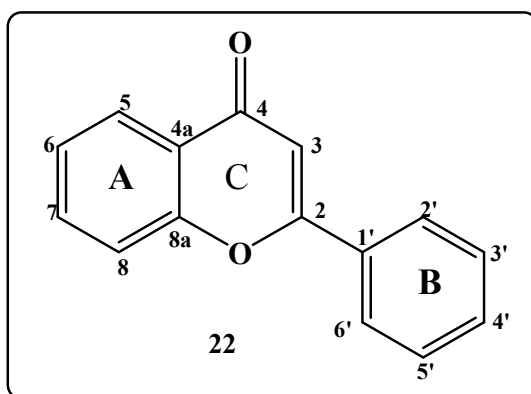
### 1.5. Importance and application of Flavonoides

Chromone, the 4H-[1]-benzo-4-pyranone system; is the basis of the chemical structure of a large group of biologically active natural products known as flavonoids and isoflavonoids. (Frasinyuk and Khilya, 1999)

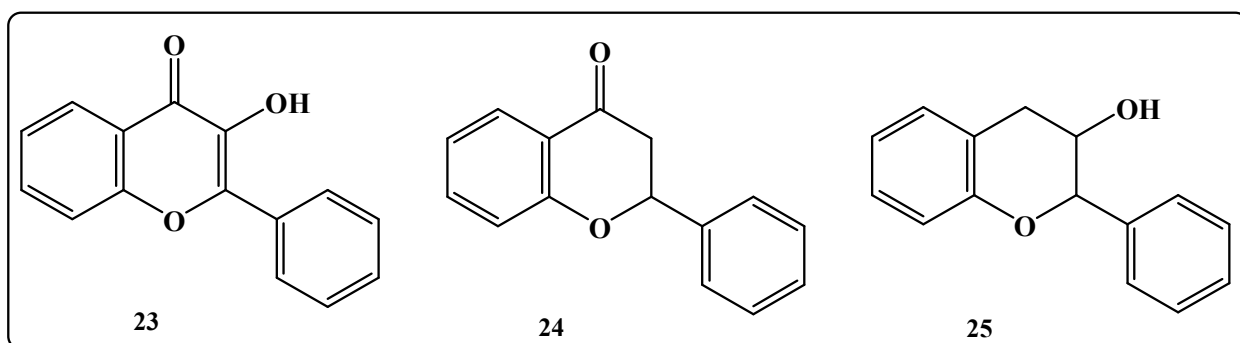
Flavonoids, a group of benzopyrone derivatives, (Bonina *et al.*, 1995) have been recognized as one of the largest and most widespread class of plant constituents occurring throughout the plant kingdom (Ducrot, 2007). Flavonoides such as flavones are present in a great variety of foods, and specially in fruits and vegetables (Artusi, 2009). Flavonoids have been shown to possess several biological properties including hepatoprotective, anti-thrombotic, antiinflammatory, and antiviral activities. Many of which may be related, partially at least, to their antioxidant and free-radical-scavenging ability (Gryglewski and Robak 1988), (Chen *et al.*, 1990), (Bonina *et al.*, 1995)

### 1.5.1 Structure of flavonoides

The basic structural feature of flavonoid compounds is the 2-phenyl-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one nucleus, consists of two benzene rings (A and B) linked through a heterocyclic pyran ring (C), **22** (Brown, 1980) (Cushnie and Lamb, 2005).



The individual carbon atoms are based on a numbering system which uses ordinary numerals for the A and C and “primed” numerals for B-ring **22** (Havsteen, 1983). The different ways to close this ring associated with the different oxidation degrees of ring A provide the various classes of flavonoids. The six-membered ring condensed with the benzene ring is either a pyrone (flavones **22**, flavonols **23**) or its dihydroderivative flavanones **24** and flavan-3-ols **25** (Baxter and Harborne, 1999), (Sakarkar *et al.*, 2008).



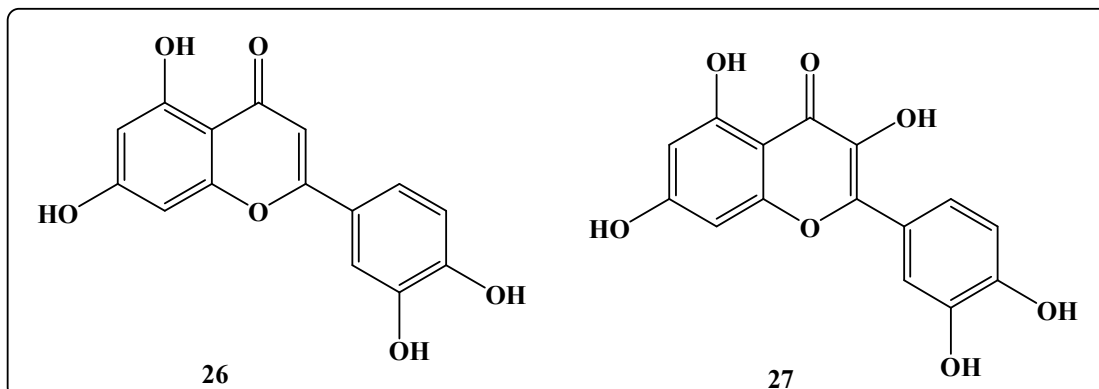
### 1.5.2. Importanc and applications of Flavones

Chromones with a 2- phenyl susbstituent have the trivial name flavones **22**. (Gilchrist, 1997). The 2-phenyl-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one nucleus is well known in naturally occurring compound, as class of benzopyran-4-ne derivatives. Flavones belong to a very important class of natural compounds of the flavonoid group and are widely occured in nature. Flavones are present in a great varity of food, especially in fruits and vegetable (Artusi *et al.*, 2009).

A great number of biological activities were reported for flavones (Kasum and Ross, 2002), (Blumberg *et al.*, 2005), such as anti-estrogenic (Belluti *et al.*, 2006) , anti- tumor (Azqueta *et al.*, 2007), anti-allergic (Arimitsu *et al.*, 2007), or anti-inflammatory (Biswas *et al.*, 2006), (Crespo *et al.*, 2007). These promising properties led to numerous chemical works focusing on the synthesis and the structural modifications of flavones ( Carballido-Reboredo *et al.*, 2005), (Kabalka and Mereddy, 2005), (Dahlen *et al.*, 2006), (Dubrovsky and Larock, 2006), (Dixon *et al.*, 2007), (Kumar and Perumal, 2007), (Demuynck, 2008).

### 1.5.3. Natural flavones

Most naturally occurring flavones are hydroxylated at positions 5 and 7. An example is luteolin **26**, a yellow compound which was obtained from *Reseda luteola* ( wild wood ) and used as dyestuff. A related pentahydroxyflavone is quercetin **27**, which is one of the most widely, distributed natural yellow pigments. It often occures in the form of glycosides. (Acheson, 1976)

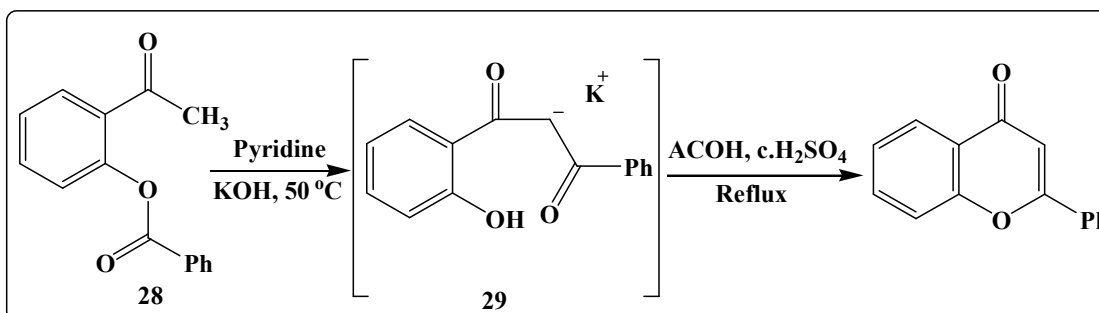


#### 1.5.4. Synthesis of Flavones

Flavone can be synthesized by a number of methods:

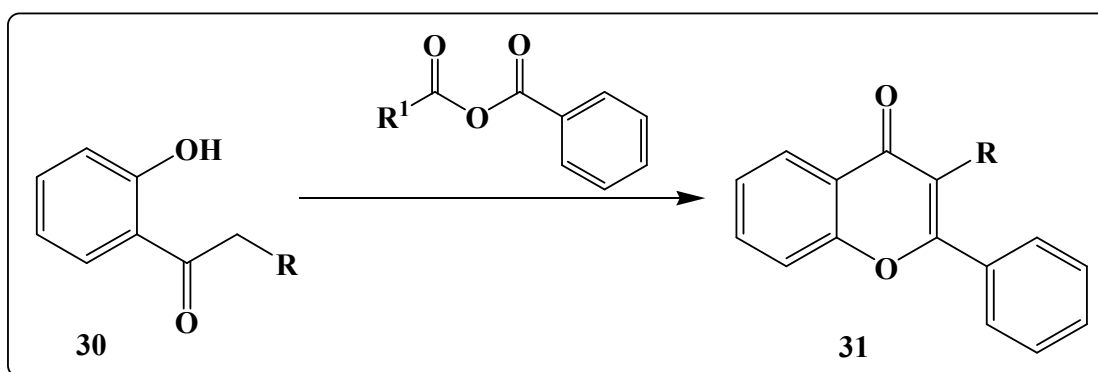
##### 1.5.4.1. Claisen condensation

Intramolecular Claisen condensation between an ester group and the methylene adjacent to the carbonyl of the acrylarene **28** produces a 1-(ortho-hydroxyaryl)-1,3-diketone **29**. The claisen condensation can be conducted in the presence of the acidic phenolic hydroxyl by the use of excess base. Alternatively the process is conducted in two steps: first acylation of the phenolic hydroxyl, secondly, an intramolecular (Baker, 1933), (Banholzer, and Schmid, 1954) base-catalysed Claisen condensation, known as Baker-Venkataraman rearrangement. (Joul and Mills, 2000)



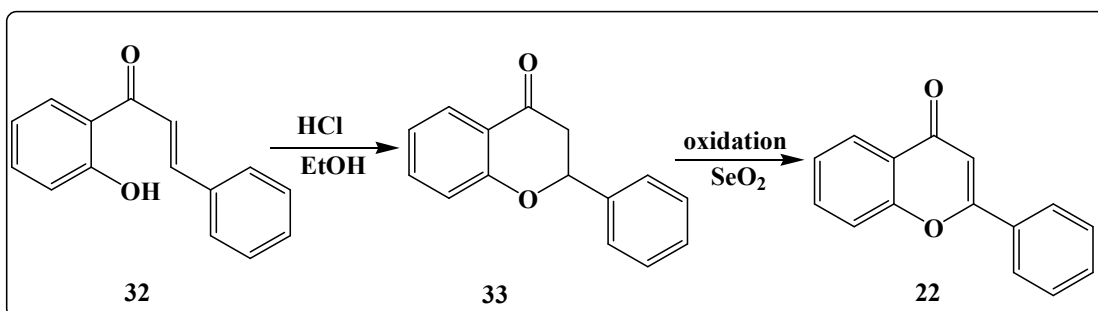
#### 1.5.4.2. Kostanecki-Robinson reaction

Preparation of flavones **31** from *o*-hydroxyaryl ketones **30** with anhydrides of aromatic acids and their sodium salts (Allan and Robinson, 1924).



#### 1.5.4.3. From chalcones

A versatile flavone synthesis consists of the oxidative cyclization of chalcones **32** by selenium dioxide in higher alcohols:



It involves an intramolecular, possibly acid-catalysed, Michael addition of the phenolic OH group of **32** followed by a cyclization to the flavanone **33**, which undergoes dehydrogenation to give a flavones **22**. (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003).

### 1.5.5. Reactions of Flavones

The chemical behavior of flavones, and their derivatives is due to their polyfunctional nature. Flavone compounds can enter into the most diverse reactions: electrophilic substitution, oxidation, reduction, cycloaddition, condensation, recyclization, and many others. (Ishchenko and Khilya, 2002 ). Flavones show analogies in their reactions to chromones (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003) (see 1.4).

### 1.5.6. Biological activity of Flavonoids

Flavonoids exhibit wide range of biological activities arising mainly from their antioxidant properties and ability to modulate several enzymes or cell receptors. (Hodek *et al.*, 2002) They have been reported to possess many useful properties, including anti-inflammatory activity, enzyme inhibition, antimicrobial activity (Havsteen, 1983), (Baxter and Harborne, 1999), antiallergic activity, antioxidant activity (Chithan and Middleton, 1993), anti-HIV, vascular activity and cytotoxic antitumour activity (Harborne and Williams, 2000) . (Cushnie and Lamb, 2005)

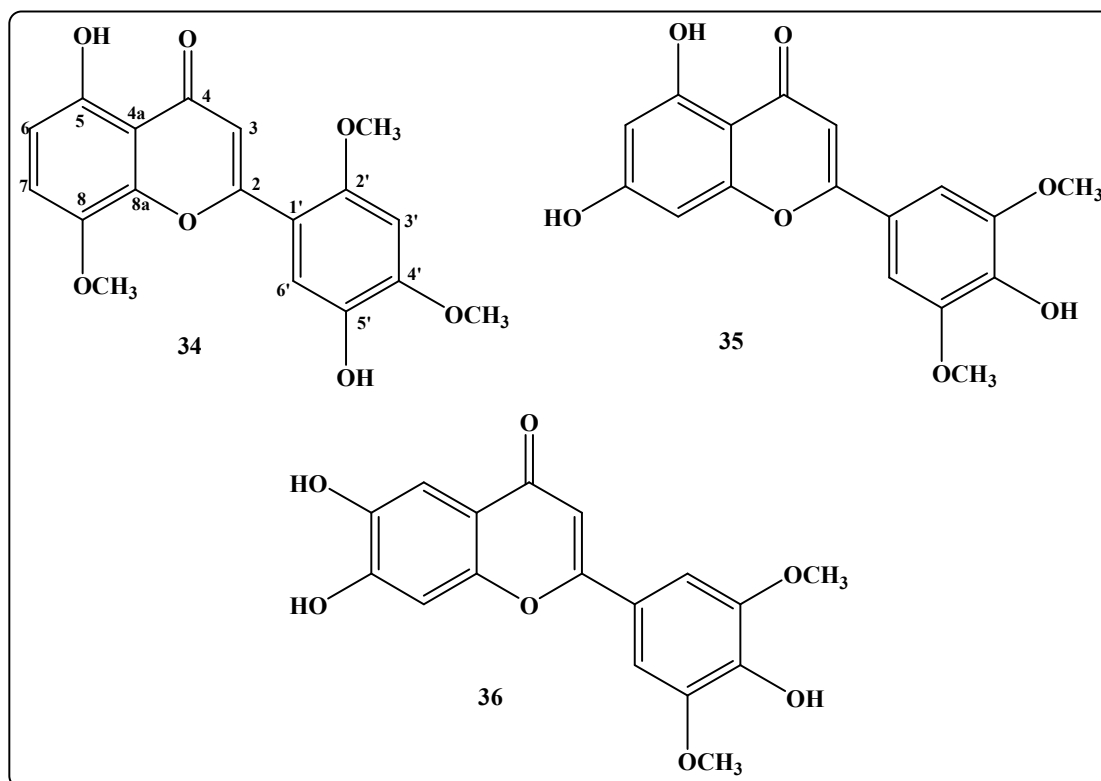
#### 1.5.6.1. Antioxidative effects of flavonoids

The best-described property of almost every group of flavonoids is their capacity to act as antioxidants. The flavones and catechins seem to be the most powerful flavonoids for protecting the body against reactive oxygen species. Body cells and tissues are continuously threatened by the damage caused by free radicals and reactive oxygen species, which are produced during normal oxygen metabolism or are induced by

exogenous damage (de Groot, 1994), (Grace, 1994). Flavonoids can prevent injury caused by free radicals and reactive oxygen species, by scavenging of free radicals. Flavonoids are oxidized by radicals, resulting in a more stable, less-reactive radical. In other words, flavonoids stabilize the reactive oxygen species by reacting with the reactive compound of the radical (Boelens et al., 2001).

#### **1.5.6.2. Antifungal activity of flavonoids**

Owing to the widespread ability of flavonoids to inhibit spore germination of plant pathogens, they have been proposed for use against fungal pathogens of man (Harborne and Williams, 2000). Two new flavones from *Artemisia giraldi*, identified as 6,7,4-trihydroxy-3',5'-dimethoxy flavones **34** and 5,5'-dihydroxy-8,2',4'-trimethoxyflavone **35**, together with 5,7,4'- trihydroxy-3',5'-dimethoxyflavone **36** have been reported to exhibit activity against *Aspergillus flavus* (Tan *et al.*, 1996), a species of fungi that causes invasive disease in immunosuppressed patients (Harley and Klein, 1999), (Cushnie and Lamb, 2005).



#### 1.5.6.3. Anti-inflammatory effects of flavonoids

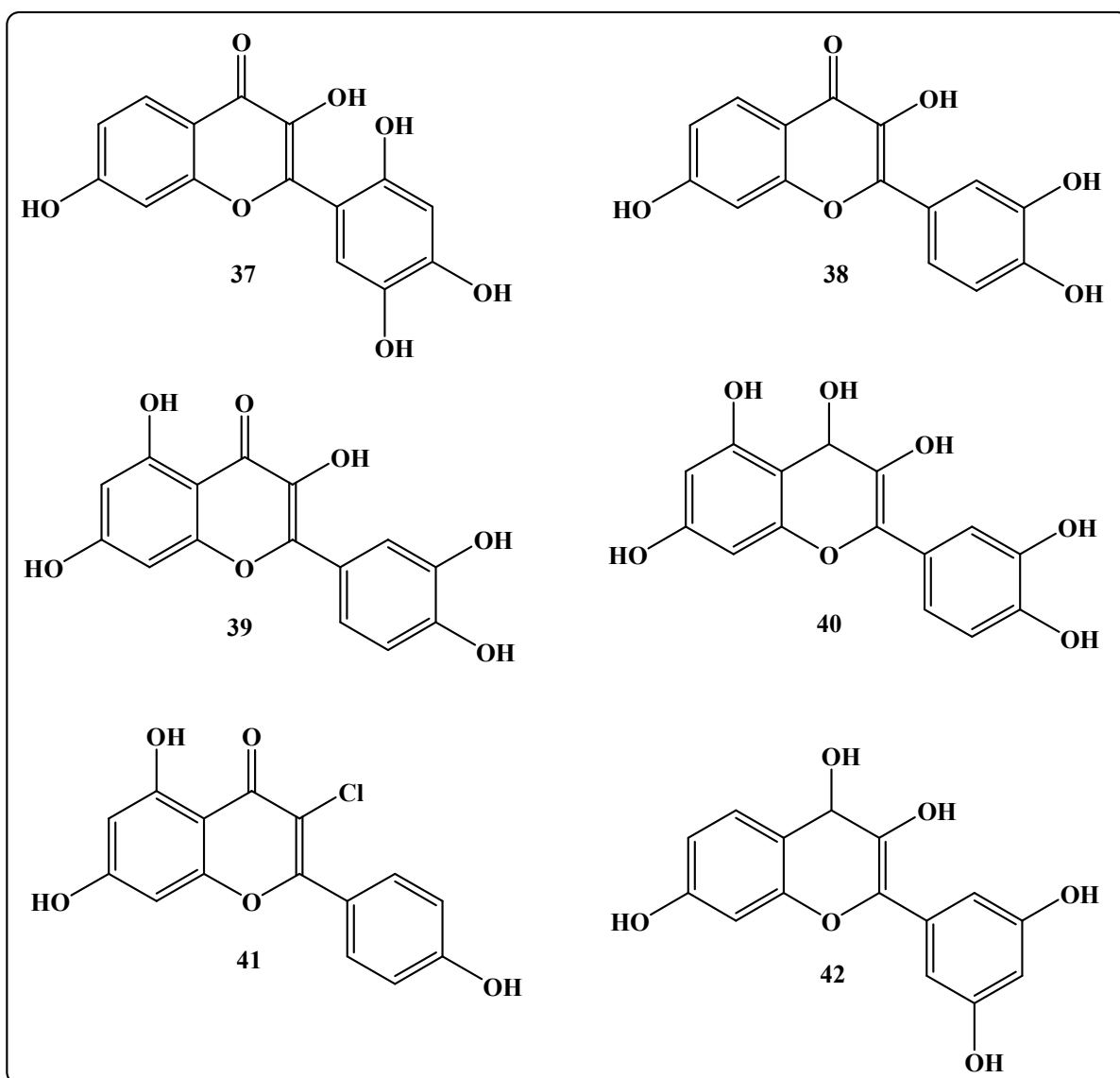
Flavonoids inhibit cyclooxygenase and lipoxygenase which play an important role as inflammatory mediators. Quercetin **27**, in particular, inhibits both cyclooxygenase and lipoxygenase activities, thus diminishing the formation of these inflammatory metabolites (Gryglewski and Robak, 1996), (Iversen *et al.*, 1998), (Boelens *et al.*, 2001).

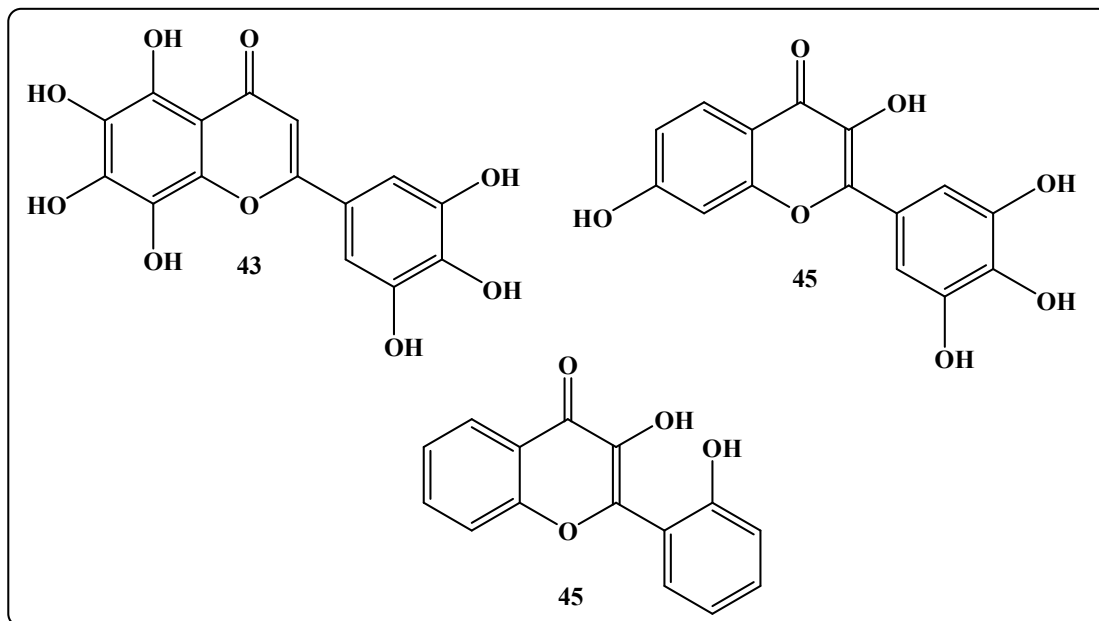
#### 1.5.6.4. Antiviral effects of flavonoids

Flavonoids also have inhibitory activity against a variety of viruses. For example, Selway reports that quercetin **27**, morin **37**, dihydroquercetin **38**, dihydrofisetin **39**, leucocyanidin **40**, pelargonidin chloride **41** and catechin **42** possess activity against up to



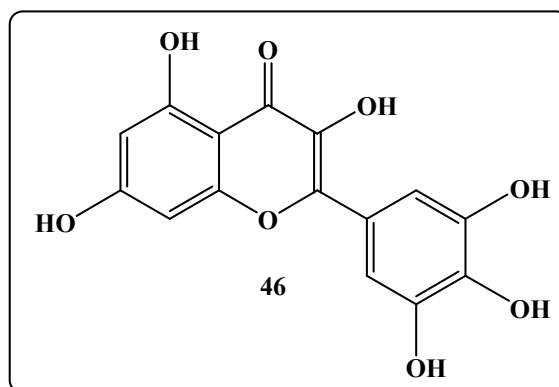
seven types of viruses, including herpes simplex virus (HSV), respiratory syncytial virus, poliovirus and Sindbis virus (Selway, 1986), (Chithan and Middleton, 1993). In addition, it has been demonstrated that several flavonoids, including demethylated gardenin A **43** and 3, 2-dihydroxyflavone **44**, Robinetin **45** inhibit HIV-1 proteinase (Brinkworth, 1992), (Cushnie and Lamb, 2005).





#### 1.5.6.5. Anti-bacterial activity of flavonoids

Several flavonoids exhibit anti-bacterial activities. Experiments with bacteria showed that myricetin **46** inhibits the growth of multidrug resistant *Burkholderia cepacia*, vancomycin-resistant enterococci and other medically important microorganisms, such as *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (Lee, and Xu, 2001), (Hodeke *et al.*, 2002).

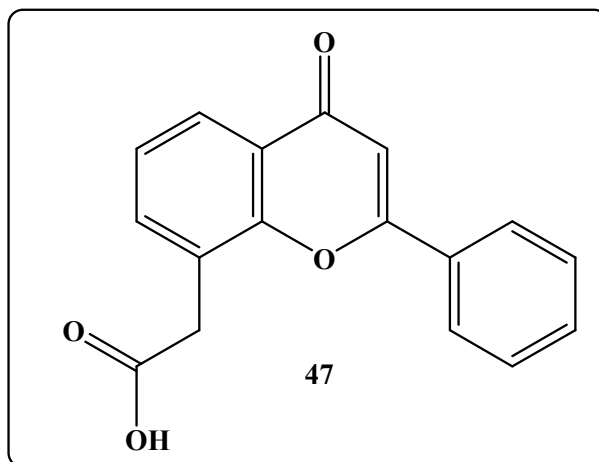


#### 1.5.6.6. Cytotoxic antitumor activity of flavonoids

Among flavonoids biological properties, antitumor activities and antiproliferative effects have aroused considerable attention (Chabot *et al.*, 1997). The essential feature of flavonoids is their free radical scavenging activity. These antioxidant properties are, in part, responsible for their antitumor effects. They prevent cell damage caused by reactive oxygen species formed via normal metabolic processes (Capasso *et al.*, 1999), (Daniel *et al.*, 1999), (Boelens *et al.*, 2001). Flavonoid compounds were reported to be cytotoxic for cancer cells but not for normal cells. (Kosmider and Osiecka, 2004).

#### 1.5.6.7. Antitumor activity of Flavones

Flavone (2-phenyl-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one), the non-hydroxylated core structure of the flavones subgroup, have several biological activities, including antitumor activity which is one of the promising studies (Beney *et al.*, 2003). Flavone proved to be a stronger apoptosis inducer than the clinically established antitumor agent camptothecin, a topoisomerase I inhibitor which is usually applied as a second-line pharmacotherapeutic in advanced colorectal cancers promote apoptosis (Brendel *et al.*, 2000), (Martens, 2005), for an example: flavone-8-acetic acid **47** possesses antitumor properties (Cradock *et al.*, 1986), (Eicher and Hauptmann, 2003).

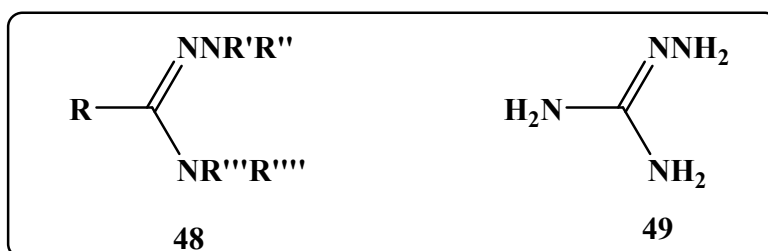


### 1.5.7. Amino flavones

Substituted flavones are highly attractive derivatives due to their therapeutic potential. The substitution pattern of these compounds is crucial for their biological activity. Literature survey regarding the structure-activity relationship of flavone, indicates that: azaflavones are highly active molecules, positions 5 and 7 are the most important; hydroxyls, methoxy and amino groups are the most beneficial (Beney, 2003). Flavonoids; bearing amino groups on the **A** or **B** ring have been reported to be potential antineoplastic agents (Akinaga *et al.*, 1990), (Gomi *et al.*, 1990), (Cushman *et al.*, 1991), (Cunningham *et al.*, 1992), (Akama *et al.*, 1993), (Cushman *et al.*, 1994). It is now well established that such potency is mainly due to the ability of these aminoflavones to be competitive inhibitors of certain protein tyrosine kinases with respect to ATP (Cushman, 1991), (Cunningham *et al.*, 1992), (Cushman *et al.*, 1994), (Chabot *et al.*, 1997)

## 1.6. Amidrazones

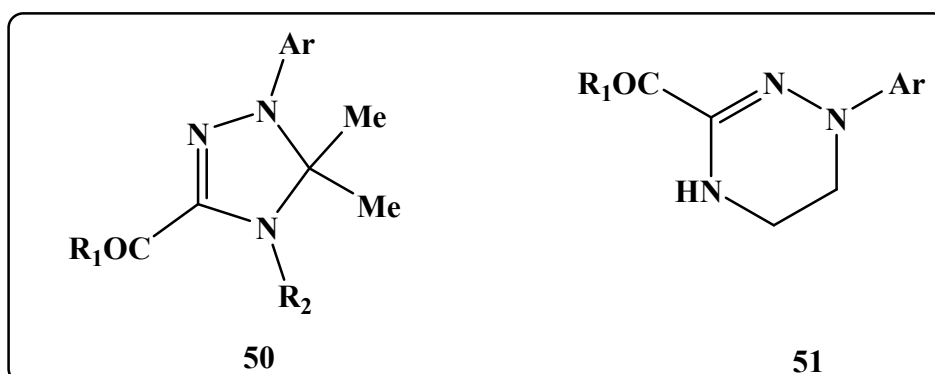
Amidrazones are weak monoacid bases characterized by the structural formula **48**, where R, R', R'', R''' and R'''' can be any of a wide variety of atomic or organic moieties. A particularly well known example of this class of compounds is aminoguanidine **49**. (Aly and Nour-El-Din, 2008)



In the free state, amidrazones tend to be either liquids or low-melting solids, (Aly and Nour-El-Din, 2008). Amidrazones are able to exhibit tautomerism, some amidrazones exist in an amide hydrazone structure while others are exclusively in hydrazide imide form. (Bahceci et al., 1999)

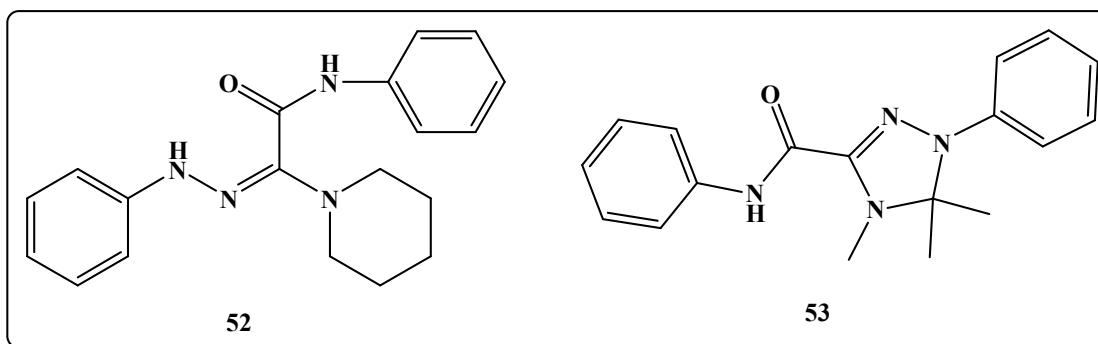
### 1.6.1 Importance of amidrazones

Amidrazones are known as convenient building blocks for various N-heterocycles, such as 1,2,4-triazoles (**50**) or 1,2,4-triazines (**51**) (Katritzky *et al.*, 1979).

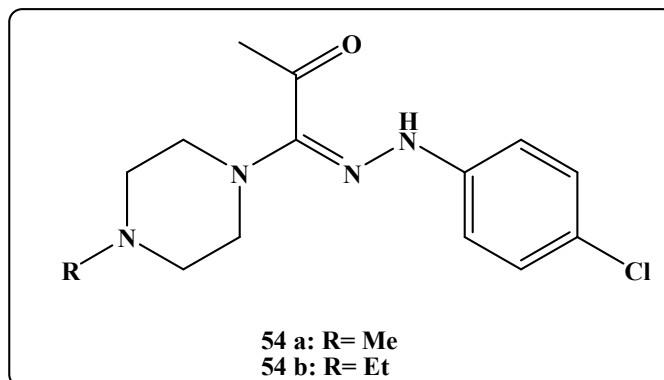


In recent years, various biological activities have been discovered for amidrazone compounds, e.g., fungistatic, bacteriostatic, and antimycotic activities as well as inhibitory effects on mammalian and plant enzymes, e.g. lipoxygenases (LOX)<sub>4</sub> that are possibly subject to a redox mechanism.

Several compounds containing an amidrazone moiety are known to be potent inhibitors of lipoxygenase-1 activity. Recently, (Clemens, *et al.*, 2001) reported that compounds **52** and **53** acts as lipoxygenase-1 inhibitors with the half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>)-values of 10 and 38 nM, respectively.

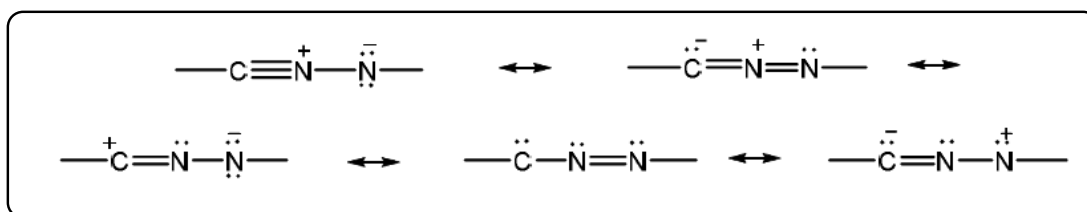


On the other hand, new piperazinyl amidrazones were synthesized *via* direct interaction of the corresponding arylhydrazones with the appropriate piperazine e.g. compounds **54 a, b** (Abdel-Jalil *et al.*, 2010). Piperazine-based compounds have been employed as antibacterial (Khalaj *et al.*, 2004), antidepressant (Broekkamp *et al.*, 1995), antitumor drugs (Naito *et al.*, 2005), as  $\alpha$ -adrenoceptor antagonists (Ibarra *et al.*, 2000), CCR<sub>5</sub> receptor antagonists (Jiang *et al.*, 2004), 5-HT<sub>7</sub> receptor antagonists (Yoon *et al.*, 2005), and adenosine A<sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonists (Vu *et al.*, 2004).

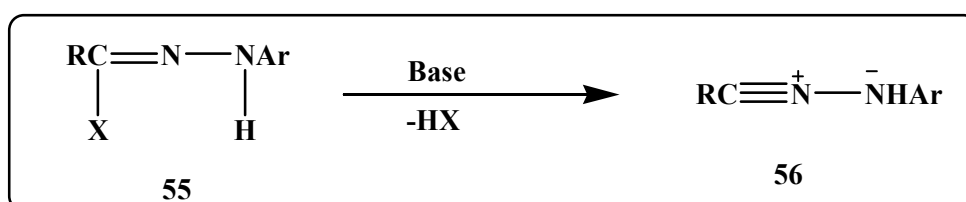


### 1.6.2. Nitrile imines

Nitrile imines are 1,3-dipolar species (Heusgen, 1968), which could be represented by the following resonance structures:



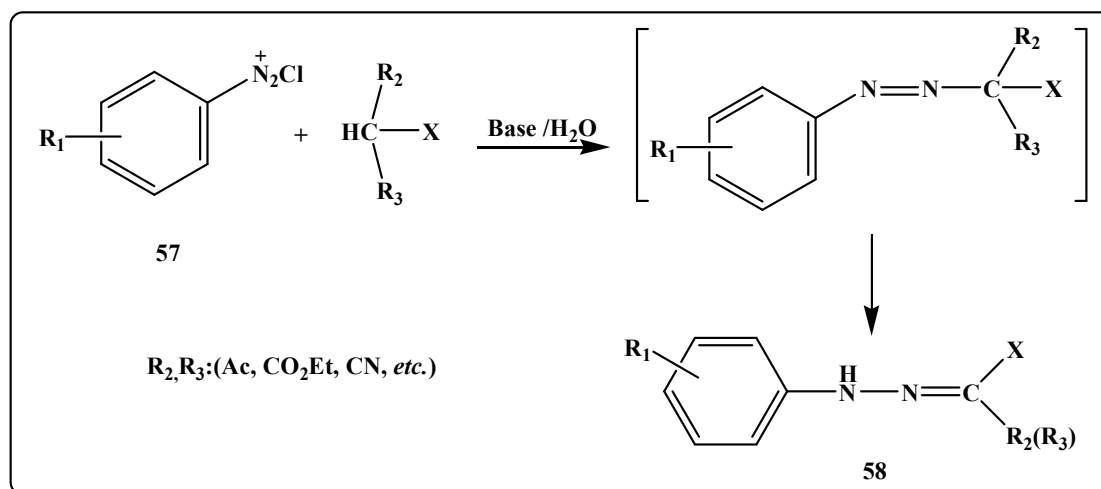
Nitrile imines are thermally unstable; therefore they could be generated *in situ* from their precursors in the presence of a suitable reactant (Shawali and Parkanyi, 1980). Nitrile imines are considered as important starting intermediates for the synthesis of various amidrazones. Nitrile imines could be prepared by various methods such as: Elimination of hydrogen halide from hydrazonoyl halides **55** by a base (Butler and Scott, 1970).



Hydrazonoyl halide, are considered important compounds to generate the respective nitrile imine; which could be prepared by several routes such as: Japp-Klingimann reaction.

### 1.6.3. Japp-Klingimann reaction

This reaction is considered to be the most important method for the synthesis of hydrazonoyl halides **58**. It is accomplished by coupling of aryl diazonium salts **57** with methinyl compounds which are activated by two electron-withdrawing groups in basic aqueous media, such as sodium acetate or pyridine, giving high yields of hydrazonoyl halides (Phillips, 1959).



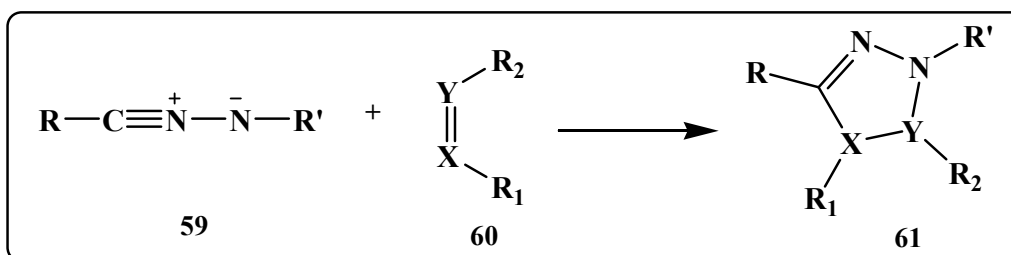
### 1.6.4. Reactions of nitrile imines

Nitrilimines react with two modes which are:



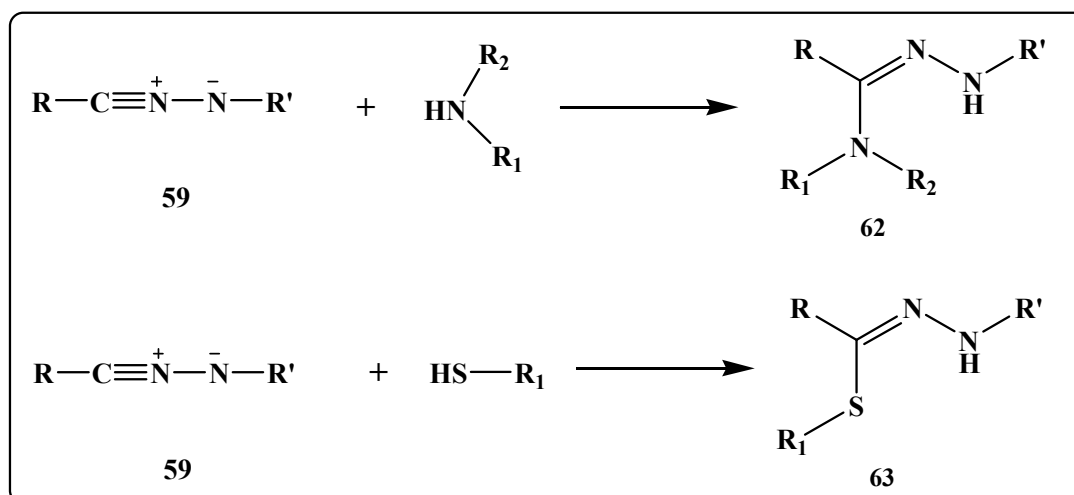
### 1.6.4.1. 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reactions

Nitrile imines **59** react with various dipolarophiles **60** such as alkene, alkyne, aldehydes, ketones, thioketones and nitriles (Shawali, 1993).

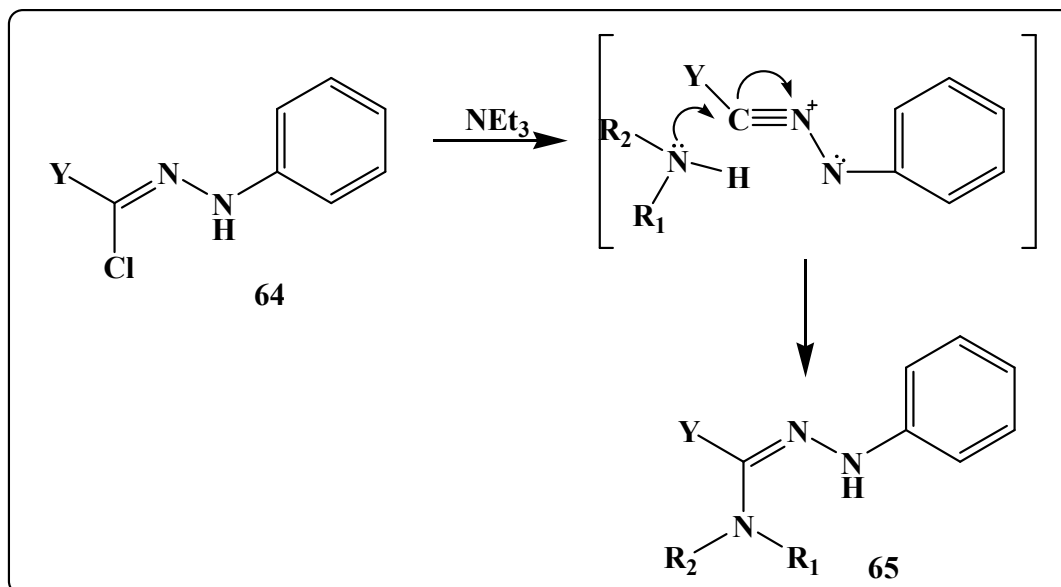


### 1.6.4.2. Nucleophilic addition reactions

Nitrile imines (**59**) are susceptible to attack by different nucleophilic species such as water, alcohols (Butler and Scott, 1970), amines (Sharp and Hamilton, 1946), thiolates (Wolkoff, *et al.*, 1974), etc.

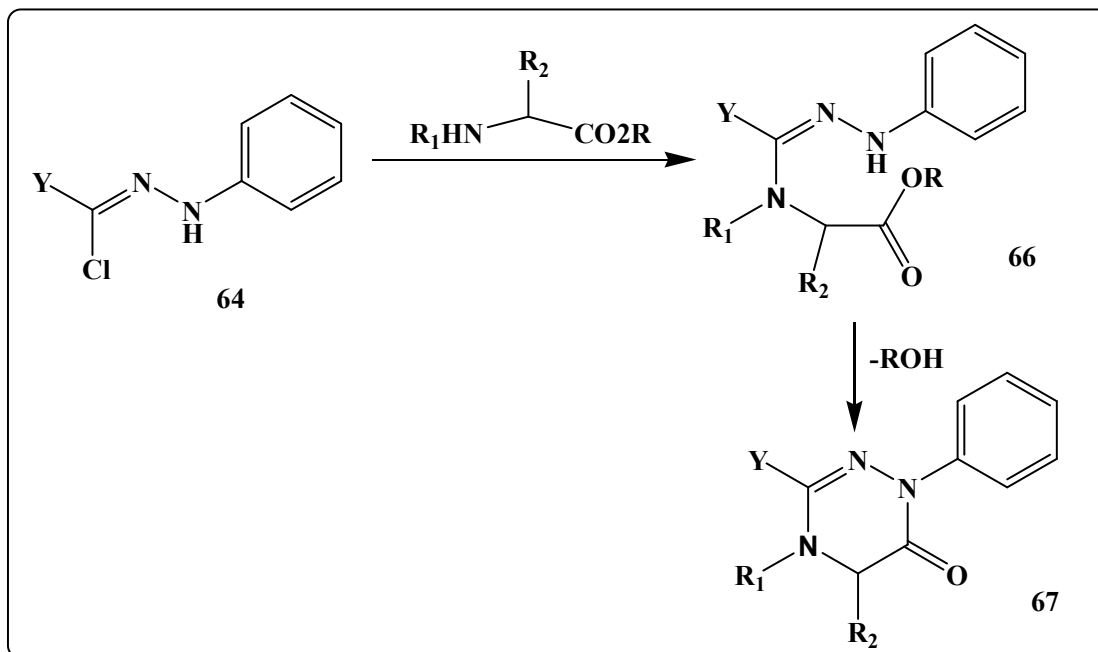


In particular, primary and secondary amines add readily to nitrile imines, the interaction between nitrile imines and the amino component is expected to yield the corresponding Z-amidrazones **65** as the kinetically controlled products (Hussein *et al.*, 1984).



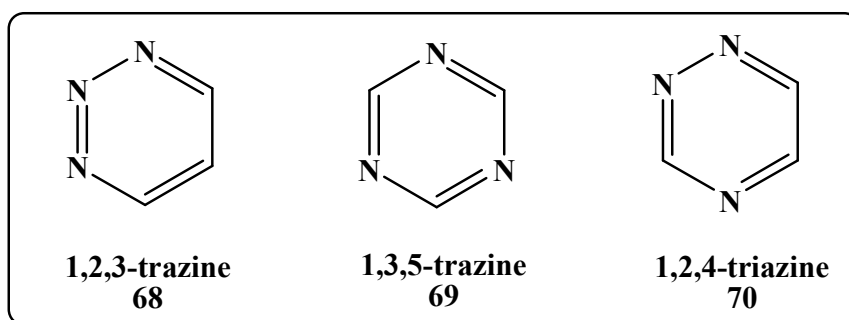
When the reacting nucleophile contains a suitably located electrophilic center, intracyclization, following the addition step, can occur (*via* the nitrile imine nitrogen and the electrophilic center), leading to a five-membered ring (Shawali and Abdelhamid, 1976) or six-membered ring.

The reaction of  $\alpha$ -amino esters with nitrile imines was described (El-Abadelah *et al.* 1991), in which  $\alpha$ -amino esters add through the amino group onto nitrile imines (in a similar manner to amines) to give the corresponding *Z*-amidrazone esters **66**, which can undergo a spontaneous cyclocondensation reaction to afford (by elimination of alcohol) 1,2,4-triazin-6-one (**67**). This type of intracyclization is classified as an allowed “6-Exo-Trig” process (Baldwin, 1976).

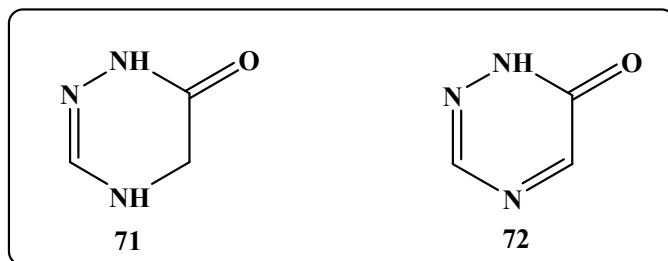


### 1.6.5. Triazines (4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-ones)

Triazines **68-70** are 6-membered heterocycles-triazabenzenes. The chemistry, and utility of 1,2,4-triazines **70** have been extensively studied and reviewed (Raw and Taylor, 2010).

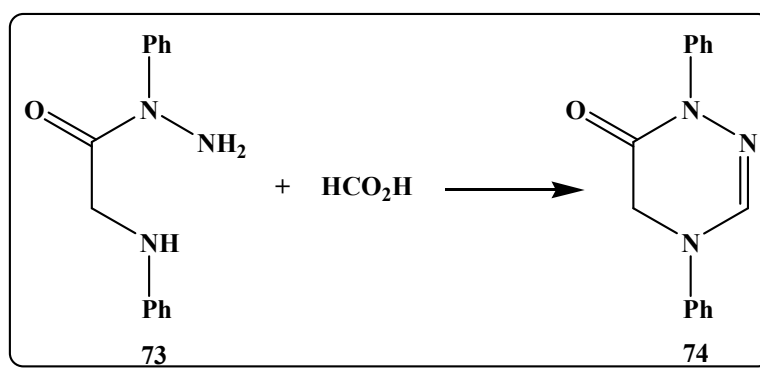


4, 5-Dihydro-1, 2, 4-triazin-6-one **71** is a derivative of 1,2,4-Triazin-6-one **72**; both of which are considered as a cyclic amidrazones.

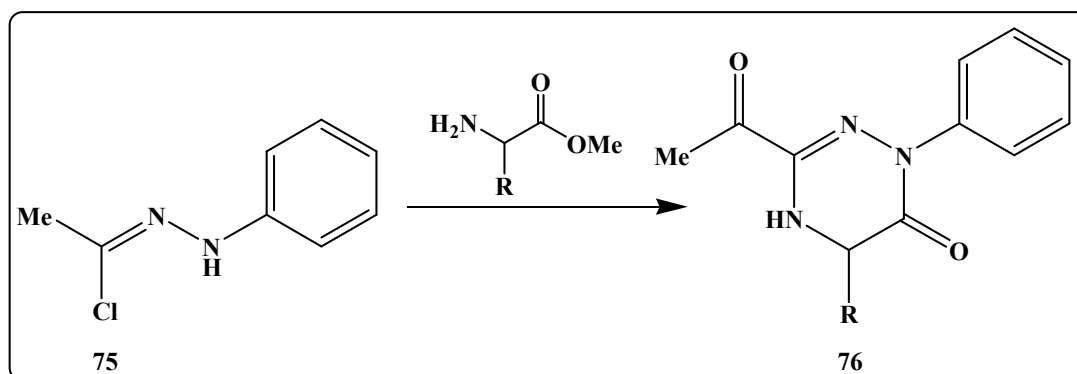


#### 1.6.5.1. Synthesis of 4, 5-dihydro-1, 2, 4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one

The first synthesis of 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-one was reported from reaction of 1-(N-phenylglycyl) phenyl hydrazine (**73**) with formic acid giving 1,4-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazin-6-one (**74**) (Widman, 1893).



Later, 5-substituted 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-ones became available by different routes such as: Reaction of hydrazonoyl chloride (**75**) with  $\alpha$ -amino acid esters afford 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-ones **76** (El-Abadelah *et al.*, 1991).

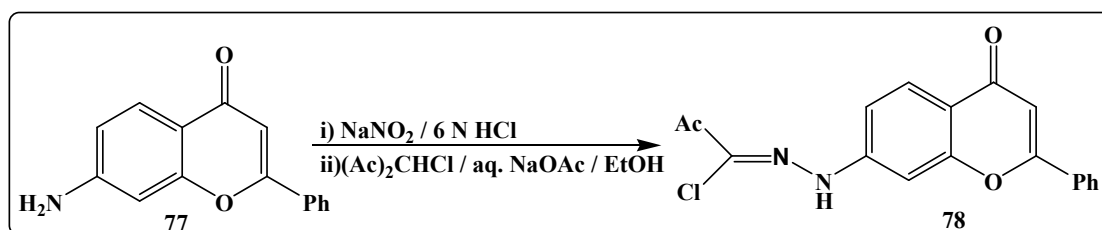


## 2. Purpose of the present work

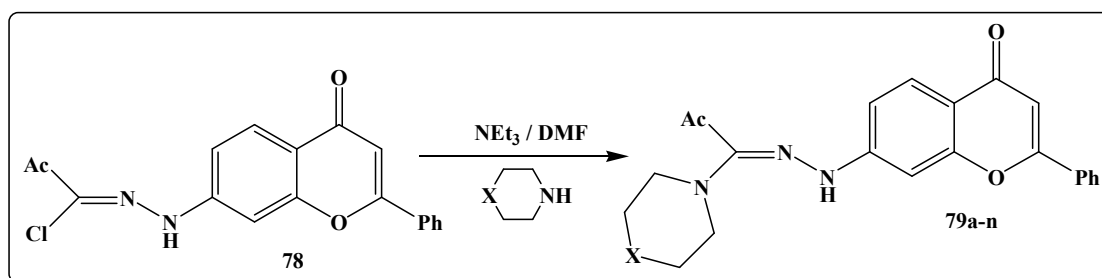
Based on the properties of flavones and amidrazones (cited in the introduction), we plan to synthesize a set of new N1-(flavones-7-yl ) amidrazones and N1(flavone-7-yl )4, 5-dihydro [1,2,4]triazin-6-ones in search for possible anticancer agents.

### Work strategy

1. Synthesis and characterization of 2-oxo-N-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)propanehydrazonylchloride (**78**).



2. Synthesis and characterization of new flavone-7-yl amidrazones (**79a-n**).

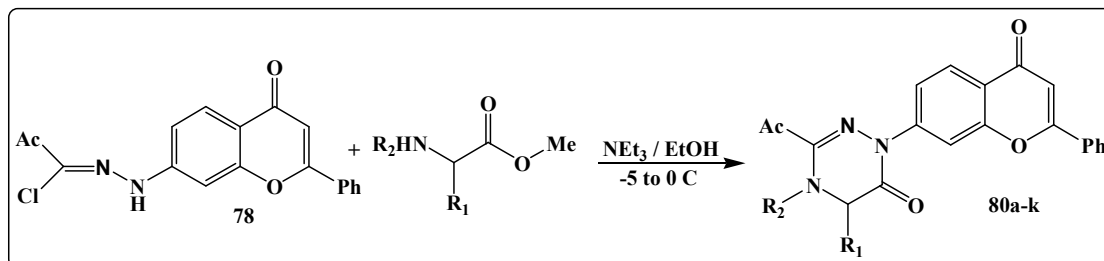


Compounds **79a-n**

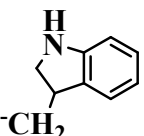
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X	CH <sub>2</sub>	S	O	NH <sub>2</sub>	NMe	NEt	NBz	N(2-pyrimidine)	N(p-Ph)	N(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OMe)	N(o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F)	N(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F)	N(CO <sub>2</sub> Et)	N(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl)

### 3. Synthesis and characterization of new flavone-7'-yl 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-ones

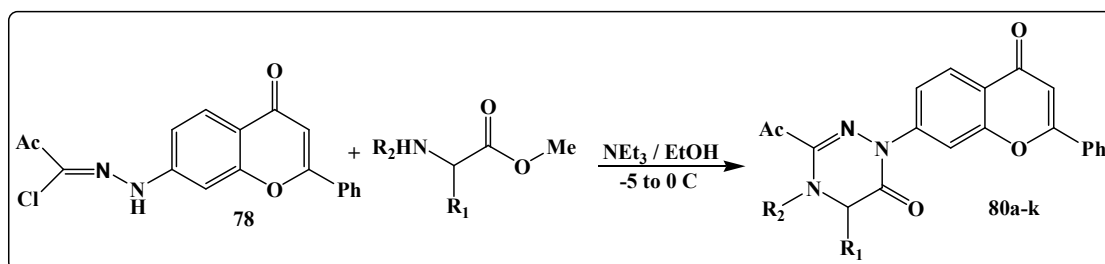
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Compounds **80a-k**

	R1	R2
<b>a</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$	H
<b>b</b>	$\text{CH}_3$	H
<b>c</b>	H	$\text{CH}_3$
<b>d</b>		H
<b>e</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SCH}_3$	H
<b>f</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$	H
<b>g</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$	H
<b>h</b>	H	H
<b>i</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	H
<b>j</b>	$\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$	H
<b>k</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$	H

4. Preparation of and characterization of flavone-7'-yl pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-1-one (81).



5. Evaluate the anticancer activity for newly synthesized compounds.

### 3. Experimental

#### 3.1. Materials and equipments

All chemicals used were obtained from commercial sources and were used as received without further purification. Piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, piperazine, N-alkylpiperazines, N-arylpiperazines, N-acylpiperazines, pyrrolidine were purchased from Acros. (L)- $\alpha$ -Amino acids methyl esters of (alanine, leucine, phenylalanine, glycine, tryptophane, proline, methionine, sarcosine, serine and threonine), (L)- $\alpha$ -amino acid dimethyl esters of aspartic and glutamic acids were obtained from Aldrich. Silica gel for column chromatography was received from Macherey-Nagel GmbH & Co (Germany). Melting points (uncorrected) were determined on a Stuart scientific melting point apparatus in open capillary tubes. Optical rotations were taken on a Perkin Elmer 141 photoelectric spectropolarimeter in dimethylformamide ( $c \sim 1$ ), at  $20 \pm 1$  °C.  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were recorded on a 300 MHz spectrometer (Bruker DPX-300) with *TMS* as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are expressed in  $\delta$  units;  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ -F and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -F coupling constants are given in Hertz. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired by electrospray ionization (ESI) technique with the aid of Bruker APEX-2 instrument. The samples were dissolved in acetonitrile, diluted in spray solution (methanol / water 1:1 v/v + 0.1 % formic acid) and infused using a syringe pump with a flow rate of  $2 \mu\text{L} / \text{min}$ . External calibration was conducted using arginine cluster in a mass range  $m/z$  175-871.



## 3.2. Synthesis

### 3.2.1. Preparation of 2-oxo-N-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)propanehydrazonylchloride (78).

The title compound was prepared by following two procedures:

#### Procedure I

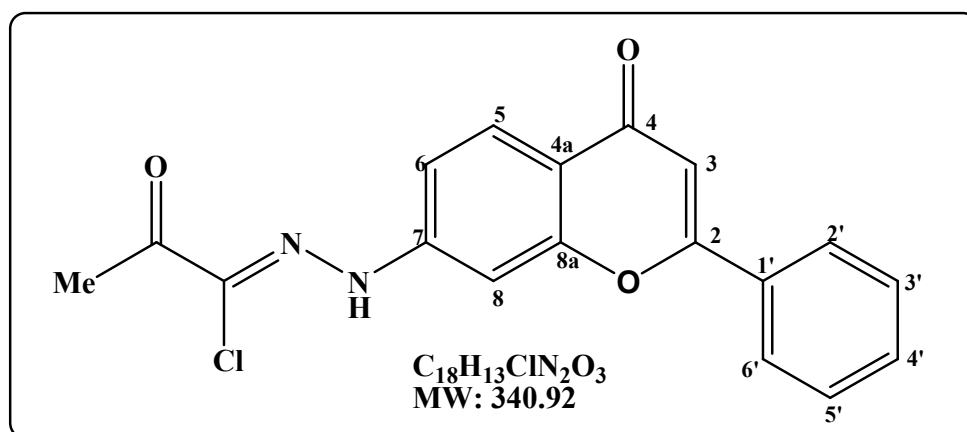
Step (i). 7-Amino-flavone **77** (23.7g, 0.10mol) was dissolved in 17% aqueous hydrochloric acid (160 mL). To this solution was added, dropwise, a solution of sodium nitrite (8.0 g, 0.11 mol) in water (15 mL) with efficient stirring at 0-5 °C. Stirring was continued for 20-30 min., and the resulting fresh cold 4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-diazonium chloride, [7-(chlorodiazenyl)-flavone], solution was used immediately for the following coupling reaction.

Step (ii). A cold (-5° C) freshly prepared solution of 4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-diazonium chloride (0.1 mol) was poured onto cold solution (0 to -10 °C, ice-salt bath) of 3-chloropentan-2,4-dione ( 13.4 g, 0.1 mol) in pyridine / water (160 ml , 3:2 v/v) with vigorous stirring. The resulting yellow-colored mixture was further stirred until a solid precipitate was formed (5-10 min). The reaction mixture was then diluted with cold water (200 mL), the solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed several times with cold water, dried, and recrystallized from ethanol . Yield 33.0 g (97.2 %).

#### Procedure II

Step (i).the same as the step (i) mentioned above.

Step (ii). A cold (-5°C) freshly prepared solution of 4-oxo-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-7-diazonium chloride (0.1 mol) was poured onto cold solution (0 to -10 °C, ice-salt bath) of 3-chloropentan-2, 4-dione (13.4 g, 0.1 mol) in Ethanol / water (160 ml, 1:1 v/v) containing 20.0 g of sodium acetate with vigorous stirring. The resulting yellowish-colored mixture was further stirred until a solid precipitate was formed (5-10 min). The reaction mixture was then diluted with cold water (200 mL), the solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed several times with cold water, dried, and recrystallized from ethanol.

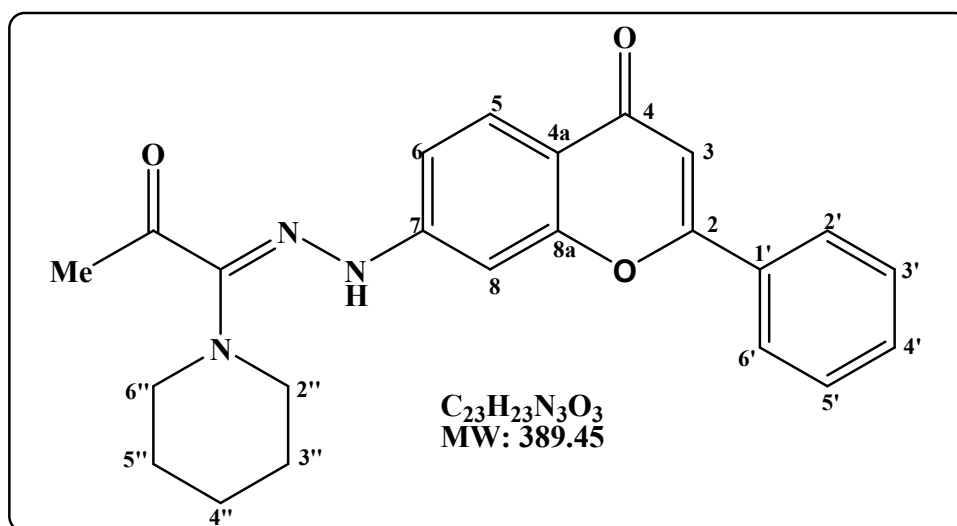


Yield = 37.13 g (100 %), mp = 271-272 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.64 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.79 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.54 (m, 3H, H-3' + H-4' + H-5'), 7.90- 7.93 (m, 2H, H-2' + H-6'), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.53 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.64 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 102.6 (C-8), 107.4 (C-3), 113.8 (C-6), 118.8 (C-4a), 126.2 (C-1'), 126.8 (C-2' / C-6'), 127.0 (C-4'), 129.6 (C-3' / C-5'), 131.7 (C-7), 132.2 (C-5), 148.0 (-C=N), 157.5 (C-8a), 162.6 (C-2), 176.8 (C-4), 188.7 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 363.05124; found 363.05069.

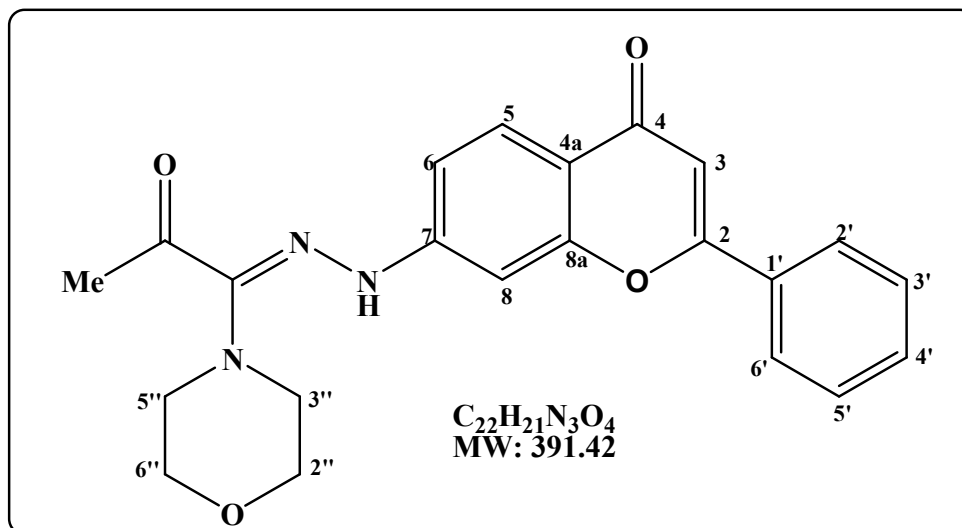
### 3.2.2. General procedure of synthesis compounds (79a-n)

To a cold suspension (0 to -10°C) of 1.47 mmol (0.5g) compound (**78**) in 20.0 mL of DMF was added, with stirring, a solution of the appropriate secondary amine and triethylamine (3 mL) in 10 mL of DMF. Stirring was continued at 0 to 5°C for 2-4 h, and then at ambient temperature for 10-12 h. The resulting crude solid product was collected by adding water, washed with water, dried and purified on preparative silica gel TLC plates. Using the same general procedure, the following compounds were prepared:

7-[(2-(2-oxo-1-piperidin-1-ylpropylidene)hydrazino)-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79a**)



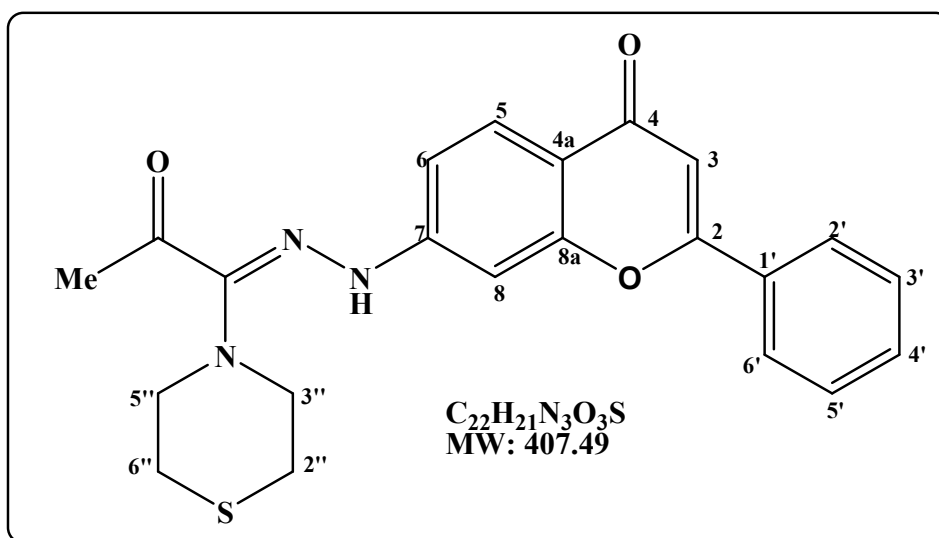
Yield = 0.43 g ( 75.7%), mp = 172-173 °C .  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.62 (m, 6H,  $H_{2-3''} + H_{2-4''} + H_{2-5''}$ ), 2.45 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.00 (m, 4H,  $H_{2-2''} + H_{2-6''}$ ), 6.73 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.10 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.32 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.49-7.51 (m, 3H,  $H_{-3'} + H_{-4'} + H_{-5'}$ ), 7.88-7.91 (m, 2H,  $H_{-2'} + H_{-6'}$ ), 8.12 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.28 (s, 1H, N-H).  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  24.0 ( $CH_3$ ), 26.2 (C-4''), 26.7 (C-3'' / C-5''), 49.3 (C-2'' / C-6''), 100.9 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.6 (C-6), 118.3 (C-4a), 126.2 (C-2' / C-6'), 127.3 (C-4'), 129.0 (C-3' / C-5'), 131.5 (C-5), 131.9 (C-1'), 146.7 (C-7), 147.5 (-C=N), 158.0 (C-8a), 163.0 (C-2), 177.8 (C-4), 195.4 (O=C-Me). HRMS(ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{24}N_3O_3$   $[M + H]^+$  390.18177; found 390.18122.

7-[2-(1-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxopropylidene)hydrazino]-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79b**)

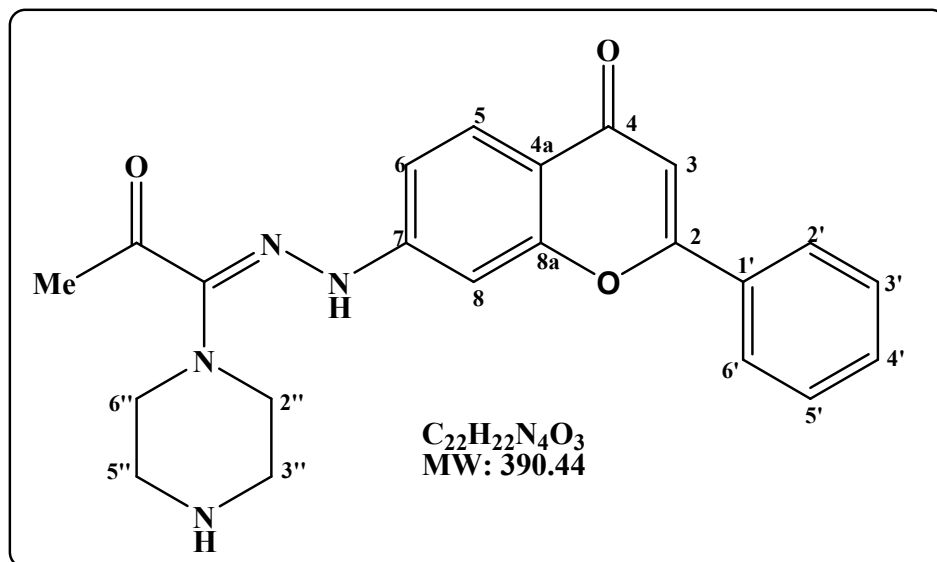
Yield = 0.30 g (51.9 %), mp = 209-210 °C . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.47 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.08 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 3.8 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 6.72 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.46-7.50 (m, 3H, H-3'+ H-4'+ H-5'), 7.87-7.90 (m, 2H, H-2'+ H-6'), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.41 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.3 (C-3''/ C-5''), 67.4 (C-2'' / C-6''), 101.2 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.7 (C-6), 118.6 (C-4a), 126.2 (C-2'/ C-6'), 127.4 (C-4'), 129.1 (C-3'/ C-5'), 131.6 (C-5), 131.8 (C-1'), 144.7 (C-7), 147.2 (-C=N), 157.9 (C-8a), 163.1 (C-2), 177.7 (C-4), 195.1 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 390.14538 found 390.14593. .

7-[2-(2-oxo-1-thiomorpholin-4-yl)propylidene]hydrazino]-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one

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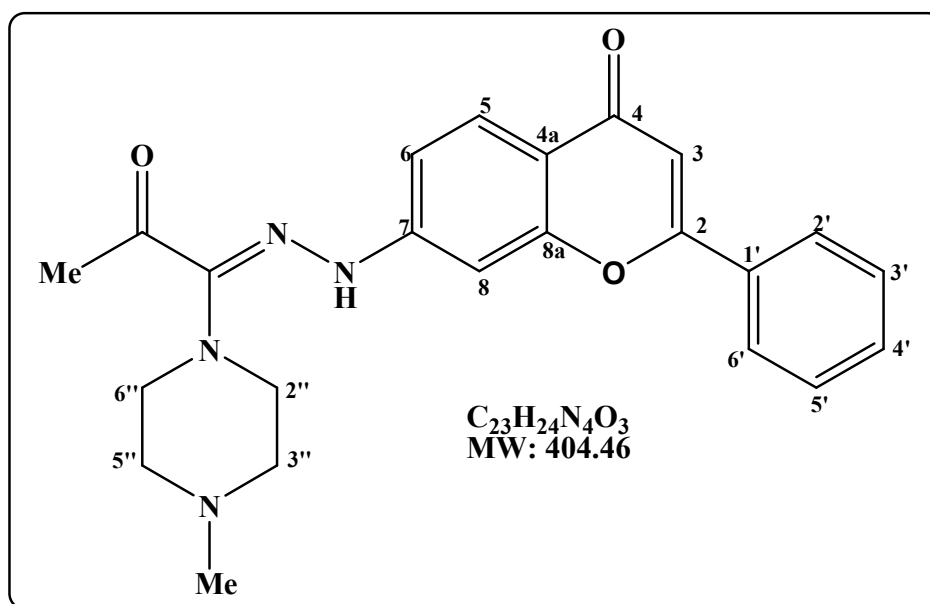


Yield = 0.39 g (65.6 %), mp = 217-218 °C.  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.46 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.75 (m, 4H,  $H_{2-3''} + H_{2-5''}$ ), 3.27 (m, 4H,  $H_{2-2''} + H_{2-6''}$ ), 6.74 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.13 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.33 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.47-7.51 (m, 3H,  $H_{-3'} + H_{-4'} + H_{-5'}$ ), 7.88-7.91 (m, 2H,  $H_{-2'} + H_{-6'}$ ), 8.13 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.24 (s, 1H, N-H).  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.0 ( $CH_3$ ), 28.5 (C-3''/ C-5''), 50.4 (C-2''/ C-6''), 101.2 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.7 (C-6), 118.6 (C-4a), 126.2 (C-2'/ C-6'), 127.4 (C-4'), 129.0 (C-3'/ C-5'), 131.5 (C-5), 131.8 (C-1'), 145.8 (C-7), 147.2 (-C=N), 157.9 (C-8a), 163.1 (C-2), 177.7 (C-4), 195.1 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{22}N_3O_3S$  [ $M + H$ ] $^+$  408.13819; found 408.13764.

7-[2-(2-oxo-1-piperazin-1-ylpropylidene)hydrazino]-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one(**79d**)

Yield = 0.19 g, (32.9 %), mp = 200-202° C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.76 (s, 1H, N(4'')-H), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.98 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 3.00 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 6.74 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.33 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.49–7.51 (m, 3H, H-3'+ H-5' +H-4'), 7.88–7.91 (m, 2H, H-2'+ H-6'), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.37 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 46.6 (C-2''/ C-6''), 49.3 (C-3''/ C-5''), 101.1 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.7 (C-6), 118.5 (C-4a), 126.2 (C-2''/ C-6'), 127.4 (C-4'), 129.1 (C-3'/ C-5'), 131.5 (C-5), 131.9 (C-1'), 145.5 (C-7), 147.3 (C=N), 158.0 (C-8a), 163.0 (C-2), 177.8 (C-4), 195.2 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 391.17702 ; found 391.17647.

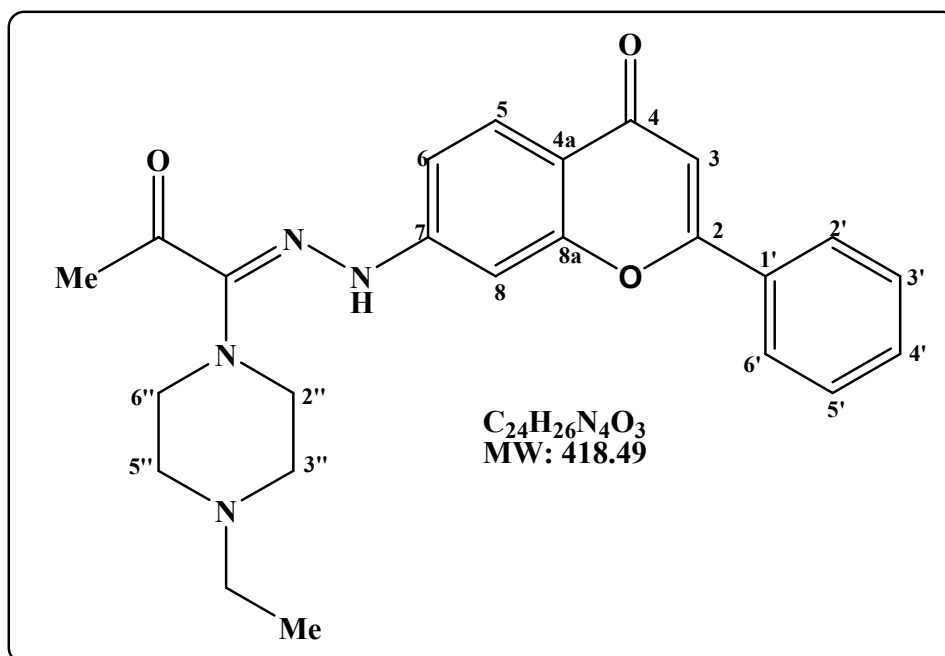
7-{2-[1-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxopropylidene]hydrazino}-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79e**)



Yield = 0.11 g (17.7 %), mp = 145-147 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.47 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-N), 2.53 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 3.10 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 6.76 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.49 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.50–7.54 (m, 2H, H-3'+ H-5'), 7.90–7.94 (m, 2H, H-2'+ H-6'), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.26 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.1 (C=O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 46.5 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.0 (C-2''/ C-6''), 55.8 (C-3''/ C-5''), 101.0 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.6 (C-6), 118.5 (C-4a), 126.3 (C-2'/ C-6'), 127.4 (C-4'), 129.1 (C-3'/ C-5'), 131.5 (C-5), 131.9 (C-1'), 145.5 (C-7), 147.3 (-C=N), 158.0 (C-8a), 163.1 (C-2), 177.8 (C-4), 195.1 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 405.19267; found 405.19212.

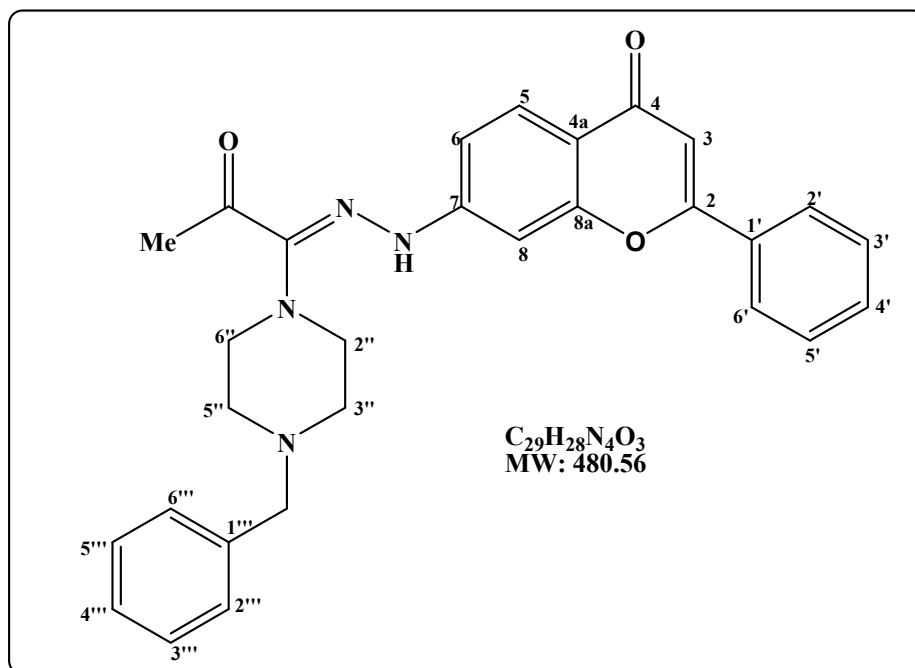


7-{2-[1-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxopropylidene]hydrazino}-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79f**)



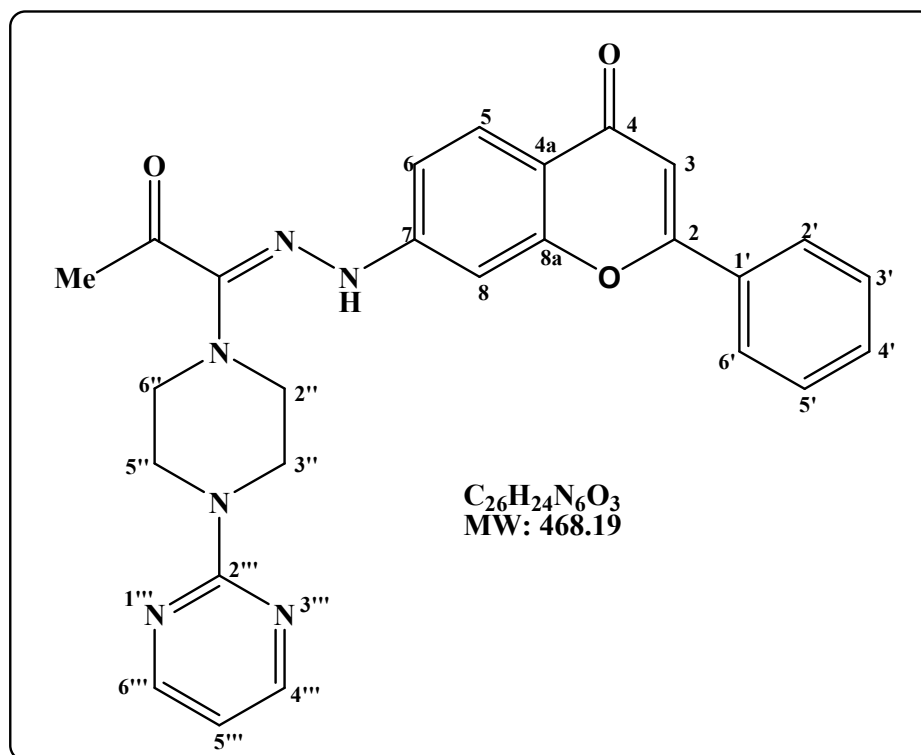
Yield = 0.20 g (32.1 %), mp = 165-167 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.38 (s, 3H, C=O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 2.52 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 3.08 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 6.69 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.28 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.43–7.47 (m, 3H, H-3'+ H-4'+ H-5'), 7.83 – 7.87 (m, 2H, H-2'+ H-6'), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.26 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 12.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (C=O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.0 (N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.5 (C-2''/C-6''), 52.5 (C-3''/C-5''), 101.0 (C-8), 107.5 (C-3), 112.7 (C-6), 118.4 (C-4a), 126.2 (C-2'/C-6'), 127.3 (C-4'), 128.5 (C-3'/C-5'), 131.5 (C-5), 131.8 (C-1'), 145.5 (C-7), 147.4 (C=N), 157.9 (C-8a), 163.0 (C-2), 177.7 (C-4), 195.1 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 419.20832; found 419.20777.

7-{2-[1-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxopropylidene]hydrazino}-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79g**)



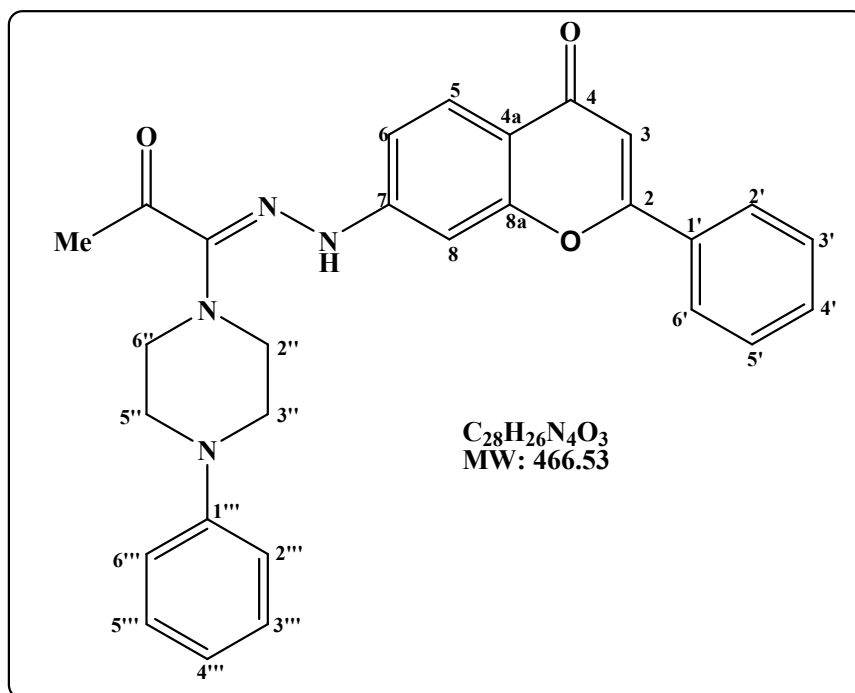
Yield = 0.70 g ( 99.4 %), mp = 194-195 °C.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.47 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.56 (m, 4H,  $\text{H}_2\text{-3''} + \text{H}_2\text{-5''}$ ), 3.09 (m, 4H,  $\text{H}_2\text{-2''} + \text{H}_2\text{-6''}$ ), 3.57 (s, 2H,  $\text{N-CH}_2$ ), 6.75 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.11 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.24- 7.34 (m, 5H,  $\text{H-2''} + \text{H-3''} + \text{H-4''} + \text{H-5''} + \text{H-6''}$ ), 7.36 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.49 (m, 1H, H-4'), 7.50-7.52 (m, 2H,  $\text{H-3'} + \text{H-5'}$ ), 7.90- 7.93 (m, 2H,  $\text{H-2'} + \text{H-6'}$ ), 8.14 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.28 (s, 1H, N-H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 48.0 (C-2''/C-6''), 53.8 (C-3''/C-5''), 63.2 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 101.0 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.7 (C-6), 118.5 (C-4a), 126.3 (C-2'/C-6'), 127.3 (C-4'), 127.4 (C-4'''), 128.4 (C-3'''/ C-5'''), 129.1 (C-3'/C-5'), 129.2 (C-2'''/C-6'''), 131.5 (C-5), 131.9(C-1'), 137.9 (C-1'''), 145.6 (C-7), 147.4 ( $\text{-C=N}$ ), 158.0 (C- 8a), 163.1 (C-2), 177.8 (C-4), 195.2 ( $\text{O=C-Me}$ ). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  481.22397; found 481.22342.

7-{2-[2-oxo-1-(4-pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propylidene]hydrazino}-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79h**)



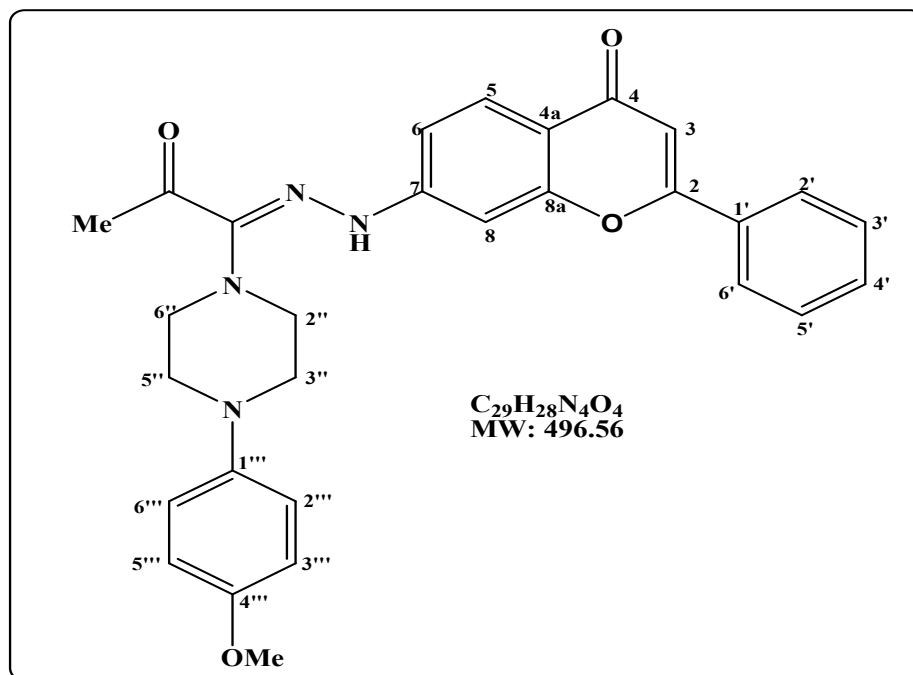
Yield = 0.47 g (68.2 %), mp = 202-203 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.48 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.13 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 3.94 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 6.51 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H, H-5'''), 6.76 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.37 (s, 1H, H-8), 7.50-7.52 (m, 3H, H-3'+ H-4'+ H-5'), 7.90- 7.92 (m, 2H, H-2'+ H-6'), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.32 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 2H, H-4''' + H-6'''), 9.45 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 43.9 (C-2''/C-6''), 47.7 (C-3'' + C-5''), 101.6 (C-8), 107.3 (C-3), 110.6 (C-5'''), 113.7 (C-6), 117.7 (C-4a), 126.7 (C-2'/C-4'/C-6'), 129.7 (C-3'/C-5'), 131.8 (C-1'), 132.1 (C-5), 145.1 (C-7), 149.0 (-C=N), 157.7 (C- 8a), 158.5 (C-'''/C-6'''), 161.8 (C-2''), 162.5 (C-2), 176.8 (C-4), 195.7 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 469.19881; found 469.19827.

7-{2-[2-oxo-1-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)propylidene]hydrazino}-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79i**)



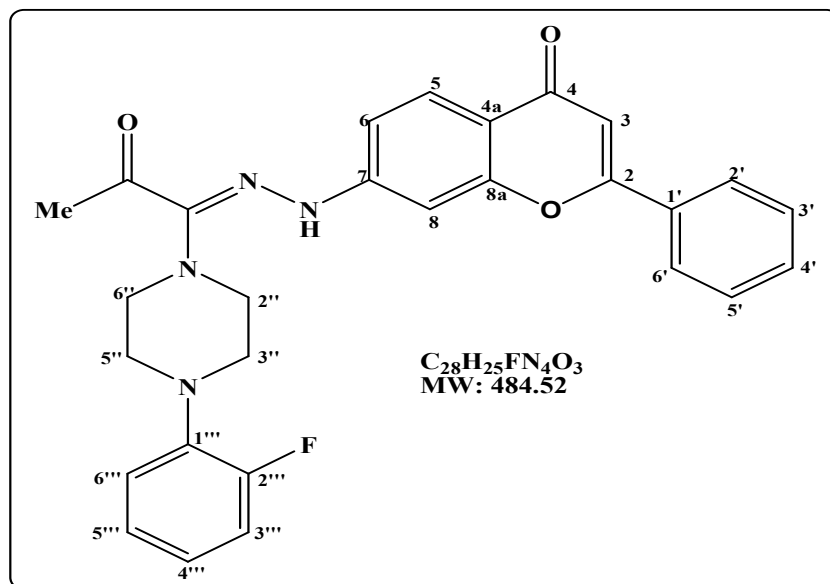
Yield = 0.38 g ( 54.7 %), mp = 212-213 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.50 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.18 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 3.24 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 6.73 (s, 1H, H-3), 6.89 (t, *J*=4.3 Hz, 1H, H-4'''), 6.95 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 2H, H-2''' + H-6'''), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.27 (m, 2H, H-3''' + H-5'''), 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.49 - 7.51 (m, 3H, H-3' + H-4' + H-5'), 7.87 – 7.90 (m, 2H, H-2' + H-6'), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.38 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.2 (C-2''/C-6''), 50.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 101.2 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.7 (C-6), 116.5 (C-2'''/C-6'''), 118.6 (C-4a), 120.3 (C-4'''), 126.2 (C-2'/C-6'), 127.4 (C-4'), 129.1 (C-3'/C-5'), 129.3 (C-3'''/C-5'''), 131.5 (C-5), 131.7(C-1'), 145.2 (C-1'''), 147.3 (C-7), 151.3 (-C=N), 158.0 (C- 8a), 163.0 (C-2), 177.7 (C-4), 195.2 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 467.20832; found 467.20777.

7-(2-{1-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxopropylidene}hydrazino)-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79j**)



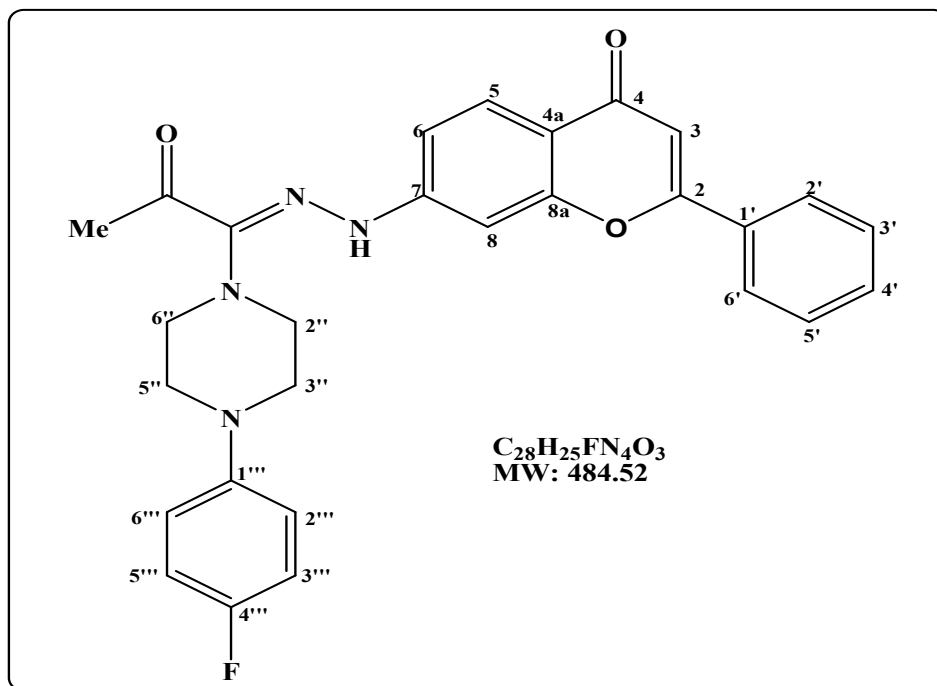
Yield = 0.23 g ( 31.6 %), mp = 207-208 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.50 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.18 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 3.24 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.75 (s, 1H, H-3), 6.85 (m, 2H, H-2''' + H-6'''), 6.93 (m, 2H, H-3''' + H-5'''), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.48 – 7.52 (m, 3H, H-3' + H-4' + H-5'), 7.89 – 7.92 (m, 2H, H-2' + H-6'), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.36 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.0 (C-2''/C-6''), 50.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 55.7 (OMe), 101.5 (C-8), 107.4 (C-3), 113.6 (C-6), 114.8 (C-3'''/C-5'''), 117.6 (C-4a), 118.1 (C-2'''/C-6'''), 126.7 (C-2'/C-6'), 128.8 (C-4'), 129.6 (C-3'/C-5'), 131.1 (C-1'), 132.1 (C-5), 145.3 (C-1'''), 146.2 (C-7), 149.0 (C-4'''), 153.4 (-C=N), 157.7 (C-8a), 162.5 (C-2), 176.8 (C-4), 195.6 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 497.21888; found 497.21833.

7-(2-{1-[4-(2-fluorophenyl) piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxopropylidene}hydrazino)-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79k**)



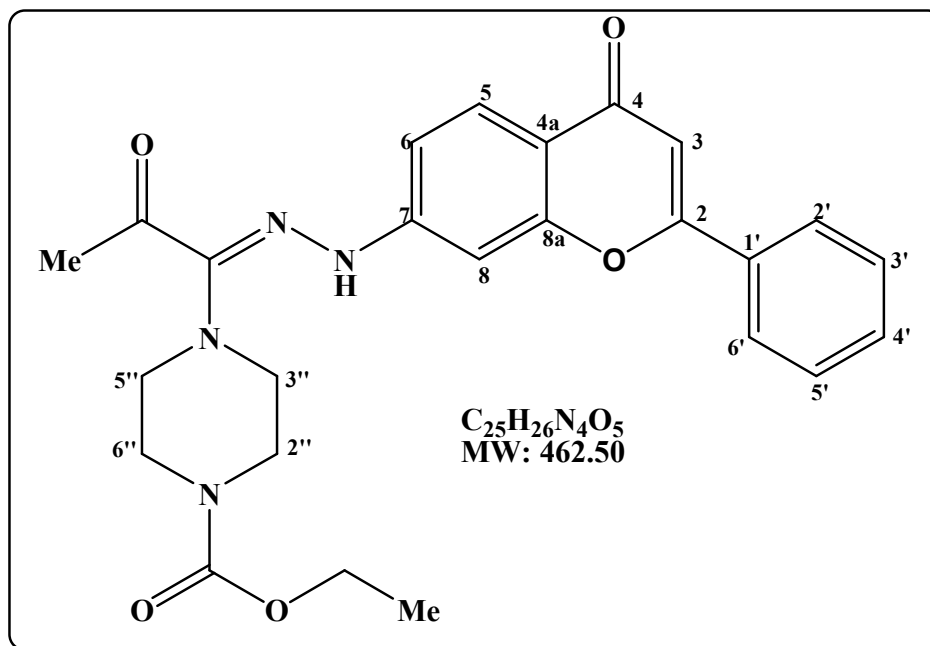
Yield = 0.21 g ( 29.1 %), mp = 225-227 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.50 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.22 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 3.23 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 6.76 (s, 1H, H-3), 6.96 – 7.08 (m, 4H, H-3''' + H-4''', H-5''' + H-6'''), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.50 – 7.53 (m, 3H, H-3' + H-4' + H-5'), 7.90 – 7.93 (m, 2H, H-2' + H-6'), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.36 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.3 (C-2''/C-6''), 51.4 (C-3''/C-5''), 101.2 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.7 (C-6), 116.4 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.6 Hz, C-3'''), 118.6 (C- 4a), 119.2 (d, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.9 Hz, C-5'''), 123.0 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.9 Hz, C-4'''), 124.5 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.5 Hz, C-6'''), 126.3 (C-2'/ C-6'), 127.4 (C-4'), 129.1 (C-3'/C-5'), 131.6 (C-5), 131.9 (C-1'), 139.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.6 Hz, C-1'''), 145.3 (C-7), 147.3 (-C=N), 155.5 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 244.6 Hz, C-2'''), 158.0 (C- 8a), 163.1 (C-2), 177.8 (C-4), 195.1 (O=C-Me). HRMS(ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>26</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 485.19442; found 485.19835.

7-(2-{1-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxopropylidne}hydrazino)-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79l**)



Yield = 0.18 g (25.3 %), mp = 225-227 °C.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.50 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.22 (m, 4H,  $\text{H}_2\text{-3''} + \text{H}_2\text{-5''}$ ), 3.25 (m, 4H,  $\text{H}_2\text{-2''} + \text{H}_2\text{-6''}$ ), 6.75 (s, 1H, H-3), 6.88 – 6.93 (m, 2H,  $\text{H-2'''} + \text{H-6''}$ ), 6.94-7.00 (m, 2H,  $\text{H-3'''} + \text{H-5''}$ ), 7.13 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.35 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-8), 7.48- 7.52 (m, 3H,  $\text{H-3'} + \text{H-4'} + \text{H-5'}$ ), 7.88-7.92 (m, 2H,  $\text{H-2'} + \text{H-6'}$ ), 8.14 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 9.36 (s, 1H, N-H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  26.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 48.2 (C-2''/C-6''), 51.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 101.2 (C-8), 107.6 (C-3), 112.6 (C-6), 115.4 (d,  $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.0$  Hz, C-3''' / C-5'''), 118.3 (d,  $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.6$  Hz, C-2''' / C-6'''), 118.6 (C-4a), 126.2 (C-2'/C-6'), 127.4 (C-4'), 129.1 (C-3'/C-5'), 131.6 (C-5), 131.9 (C-1'), 145.2 (C-7), 147.3 (C=N), 147.9 (d,  $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.3$  Hz, C-1'''), 157.5 (d,  $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 240$  Hz, C-4'''), 158.0 (C-8a), 163.1 (C-2), 177.7 (C-4), 195.2 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  485.19442; found 485.19835.

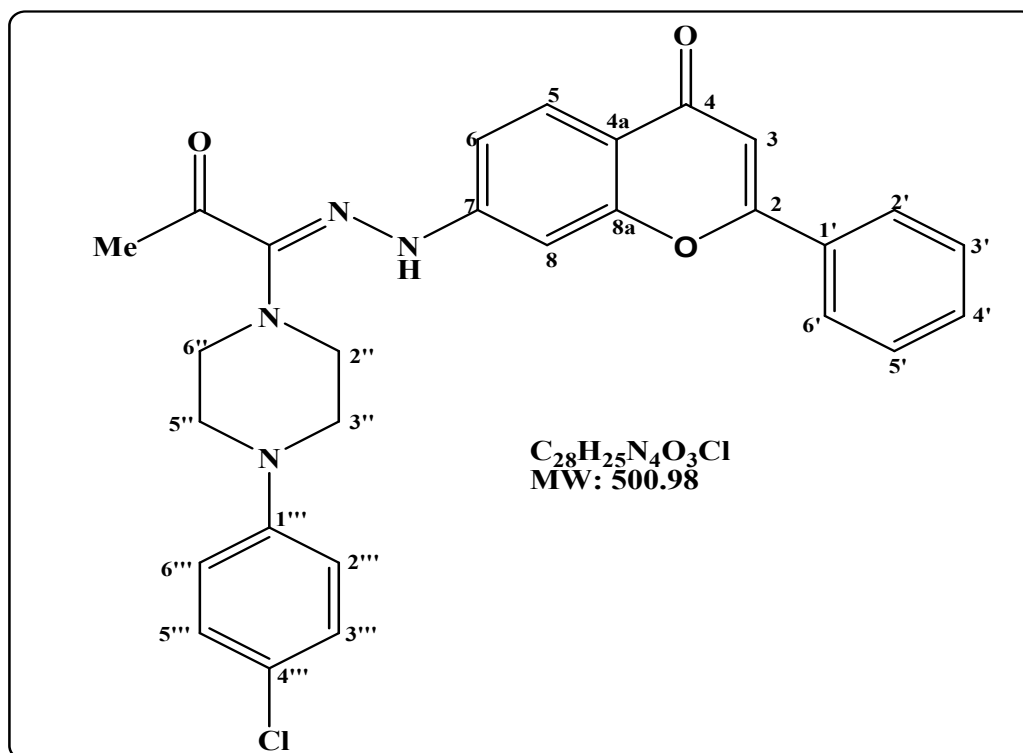
Ethyl-4-[2-oxo-N-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)propanehydrazonoyl] piperazine-1-carboxylate (**79m**)



Yield = 0.43 g ( 63.3 %), mp = 165-166 °C.  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  1.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H,  $CH_3$ - $CH_2$ ), 2.39 (s, 3H,  $O=C$ - $CH_3$ ), 2.91 (m, 4H,  $H_{2-3''} + H_{2-5''}$ ), 3.53 (m, 4H,  $H_{2-2''} + H_{2-6''}$ ), 4.03 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H,  $MeCH_2$ ), 6.91 (s, 1H, H-3), 7.50-7.57 (m, 5H,  $H_{-3'} + H_{-4'} + H_{-5'} + H_{-6} + H_{-8}$ ), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.03 – 8.06 (m, 2H,  $H_{-6'} + H_{-2'}$ ), 10.25 (s, 1H, N-H).  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  15.11 ( $CH_3CH_2$ -), 26.6 ( $O=C$ - $CH_3$ ), 44.0 (C-2''/C-6''), 47.8 (C-3''/C-5''), 61.3 ( $MeCH_2$ -), 101.6 (C-8), 107.4 (C-3), 113.6 (C-6), 117.7 (C-4a), 126.7 (C-2'/C-4'/C-6'), 129.6 (C-3'/C-5'), 131.8 (C-1'), 132.1 (C-5), 144.8 (C-7), 148.9 ( $-C=N$ ), 155.2 (C-8a), 157.7 ( $O=C$ -N), 162.5 (C-2), 176.8 (C-4), 195.6 ( $O=C$ -Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{27}N_4O_5$   $[M + H]^+$  463.19814; found 463.19760.



7-(2-{1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxopropylidene}hydrazino)-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-4-one (**79n**)

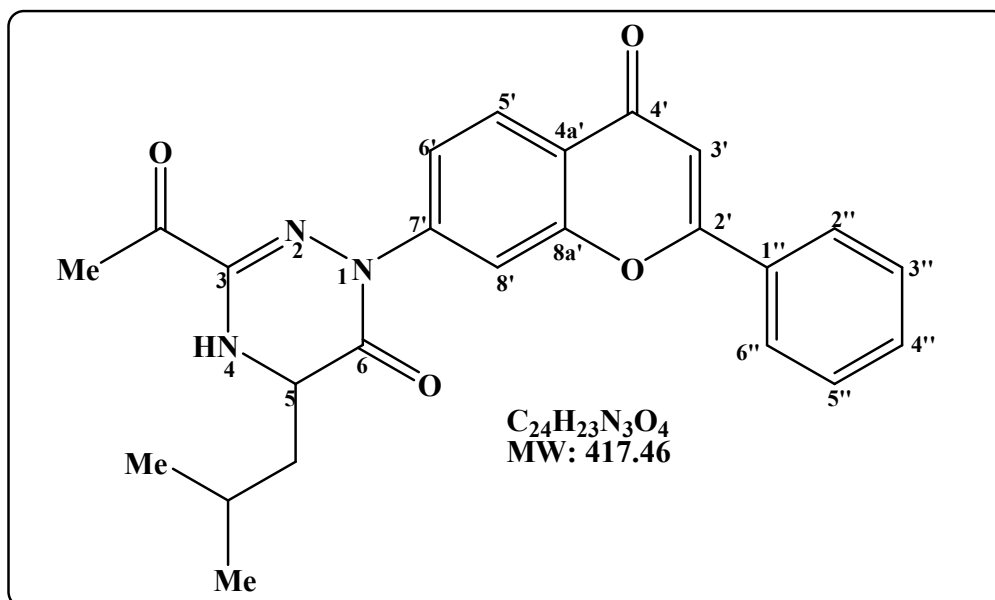


Yield = 0.21 g (28.8 %), mp = 204-205 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 2.41 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.13 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-3''+ H<sub>2</sub>-5''), 3.27 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>-2''+ H<sub>2</sub>-6''), 6.90 (s, 1H, H-3), 6.97 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, 2H, H-2''' + H-6'''), 7.23 (d, *J* = 9.0, 2H, H-3''' + H-5'''), 7.48 – 7.59 (m, 5H, H-3' + H-4' + H-5' + H-6' + H-8), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.05 (m, 2H, H-6' + H-2'), 10.2 (s, 1H, N-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ 26.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.7 (C-2''/C-6''), 48.6 (C-3'''/ C-5'''), 101.6 (C-8), 107.4 (C-3), 113.6 (C-6), 117.5 (C-2'''/C-6'''), 117.7 (C-4a), 122.8 (C-3'''/C-5'''), 126.7 (C-2'/C-6'), 129.2 (C-4'), 129.7 (C-3'/C-5'), 131.9 (C-1'), 132.1 (C-5), 141.4 (C-4'''), 145.1 (C-1'''), 149.0 (C-7), 150.5 (-C=N), 157.7 (C-8a), 162.6 (C-2), 176.8 (C-4), 195.6 (O=C-Me). HRMS(ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 499.15369; found 499.15424.

### 3.2.3. General procedure of synthesis compounds ((80a-k)-81)

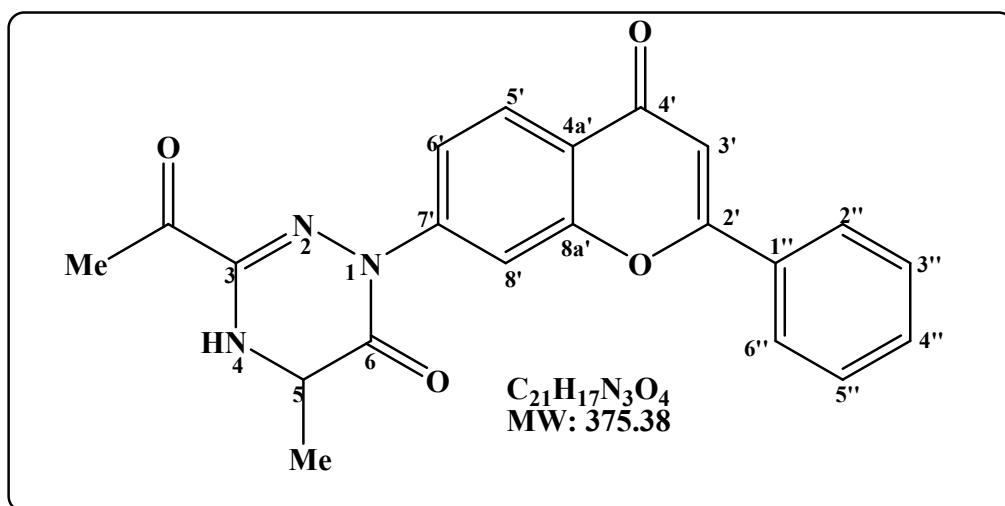
To a cold suspension (0 to -10 °C) of 1.47 mmol (0.5 g) compound (**78**) in 20.0 mL of ethanol was added, with stirring, a solution of L-( $\alpha$ )- amino acid methyl esters (2.0 mmol) and triethylamine (3 mL) in 10 mL of ethanol. Stirring was continued at 0 to 5 °C for 2-4 h, and then at ambient temperature for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was treated with water (15 mL). The resulting crude solid product was collected by suction filtration, washed with water, dried and purified on preparative silica gel TLC plates. Using the same general procedure, the following compounds were prepared:

3-acetyl-4,5-dihydro-5-isobutyl-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80a**)



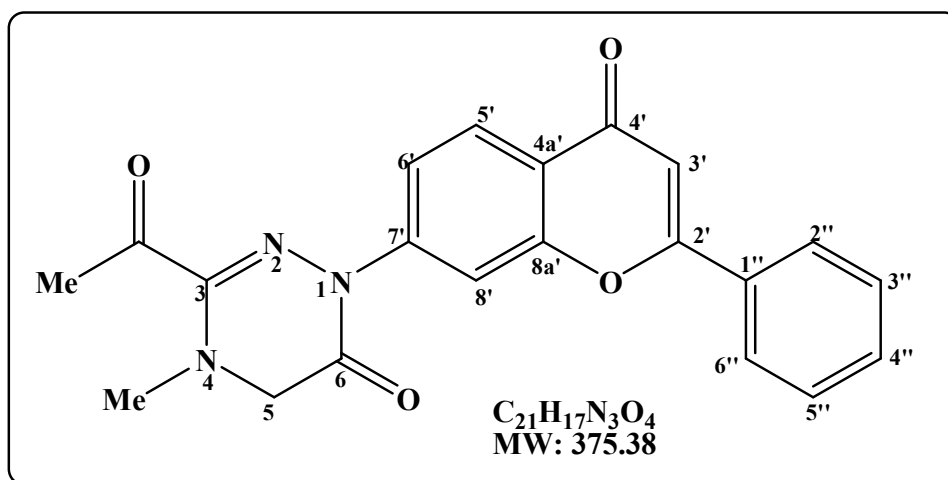
Yield = 0.125 g (20 %), mp = 135-136 °C.  $[\alpha]_D = -120^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  0.98 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 6.2$  Hz, 6H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ), 1.67 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHMe}_2$ ), 1.80 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ -5), 2.54 (s, 3H,  $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.23 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.99 (s, 1H, NH-4), 6.81 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.51-7.52 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.78 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.90-7.93 (m, 2H, H-2''+ H-6''), 8.01 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-8'), 8.23 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5').  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  21.6 ( $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ ), 23.1 ( $\text{CH}-\text{Me}_2$ ), 24.1 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 42.0 ( $\text{CH}_2$ -5), 52.2 (C-5), 107.7 (C-8'), 112.8 (C-3'), 120.7 (C-6'), 121.7 (C-4'a), 126.0 (C-4''), 126.4 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.7 (C-1''), 131.8 (C-5'), 142.2 (C-7'), 145.0 (C-3), 156.0 (C-8'a), 162.8 (C-2'), 163.8 (C-6), 178.0 (C-4'), 192.9 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{Me}$ ). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  416.16103; found 416.16158.

3-acetyl-4,5-dihydro-5-methyl-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80b**)



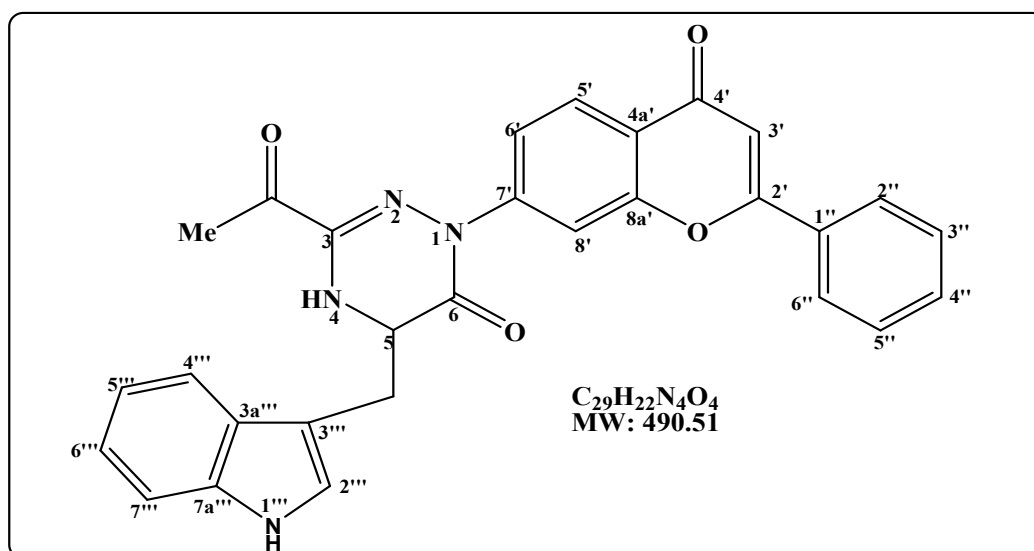
Yield = 0.41 g (74.6 %), mp = 277-278 °C.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -99^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.55 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH})$ -5), 2.54 (s, 3H,  $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.30 (q,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 5.93 (s, 1H, NH-4), 6.82 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.49-7.53 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.79 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.91-7.94 (m, 2H, H-2''+ H-6''), 8.02 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-8'), 8.24 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5').  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  19.4 ( $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH})$ -5), 24.9 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 49.4 (C-5), 107.6 (C-8'), 113.0 (C-3'), 121.3 (C-6'), 121.4 (C-4'a), 125.5 (C-4''), 126.9 (C-2'' /C-6''), 129.6 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1''), 132.3 (C-5'), 143.6 (C-7'), 145.6 (C-3), 156.1 (C-8'a), 163.4 (C-2'), 163.9 (C-6), 177.0 (C-4'), 193.2 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{Me}$ ). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  376.12973; found 376.12918.

3-acetyl-4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80c**).



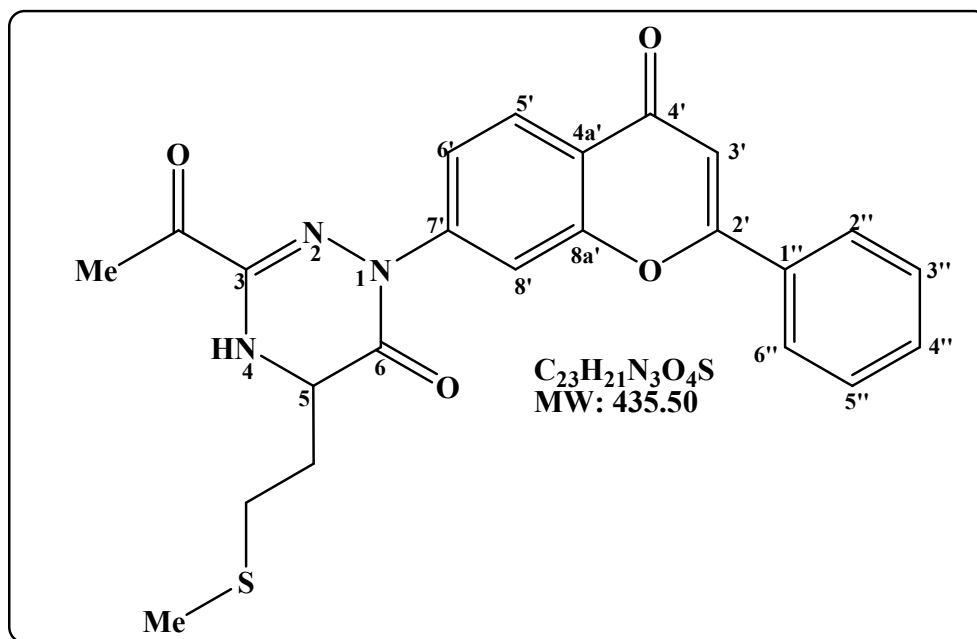
Yield = 0.49g ( 88.5 %), mp = 181-182 °C.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.53 (s, 3H,  $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.16 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3-(\text{N}4)$ ), 4.00 (s, 2H,  $\text{H}_{2-5}$ ), 6.78 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}-3'$ ), 7.47-7.51 (m, 3H,  $\text{H}-3'' + \text{H}-4'' + \text{H}-5''$ ), 7.80 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.0$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}-6'$ ), 7.88-7.91 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}-2'' + \text{H}-6''$ ), 8.04 (d,  $J = 2.00$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}-8'$ ), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H,  $\text{H}-5'$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  28.3 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 38.0 ( $\text{CH}_3-(\text{N}4)$ ), 51.8 (C-5), 107.7 (C-8'), 112.3 (C-3'), 120.7 (C-6'), 121.3 (C-4'a), 125.5 (C-4''), 126.9 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.6 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1''), 132.3 (C-5'), 144.9 (C-7'), 145.3 (C-3), 156.1 (C-8'a), 160.5 (C-2'), 163.4 (C-6), 177.8 (C-4'), 194.2 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{Me}$ ). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  376.12973; found 376.12918.

5-((1*H*-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3-acetyl-4,5-dihydro-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80d**)



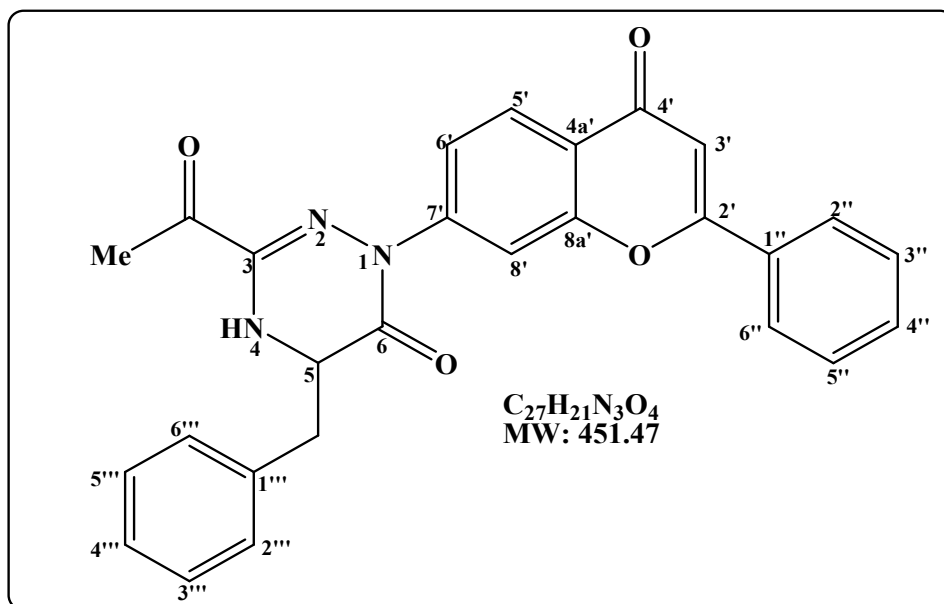
Yield = 0.20 g (28 %), mp = 136-137 °C.  $[\alpha]_D = -260^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.29 (s, 3H, O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.31 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-5), 4.51 (d,  $J = 3.81$ Hz, 1H, H-5), 6.04 (s, 1H, NH-4), 6.80 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.02 (s, 1H, H-2''), 7.07 (t,  $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H, H-6''), 7.19 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H, H-5''), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H, H-7''), 7.51- 7.57 (m, 5H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''+ H-6'+H-4'''), 7.81 (s, 1H, H-8'), 7.85-7.95 (m, 2H, H-2''+H6''), 8.17 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.63 (s, 1H, NH-1''). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  23.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5), 54.4 (C-5), 107.6 (C-8'), 108.9(C-3'''), 111.5 (C-3'), 113.1 (C-7'''), 118.6(C-4'''), 119.9(C-5'''), 120.9 (C-6'), 121.7 (C-4'a), 122.5 (C-6'''), 123.7(C-2'''), 125.7 (C-4''), 126.4 (C-2''/C-6''), 127.1(C-3'''a), 129.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1'), 131.8 (C-5'), 136.5 (C-7'''a), 142.2 (C-7'), 144.9 (C-3), 156.1 (C-8'a), 162.6 (C-2'), 163.8 (C-6), 178.1 (C-4'), 192.7 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 489.15628; found 489.15683.

3-acetyl-4,5-dihydro-5-(2-(methylthio)ethyl)-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80e**)



Yield = 0.24 g (37.6 %), mp = 189-190 °C.  $[\alpha]_D = -110^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF).  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.10 (s, 3H,  $CH_3S$ ), 2.17 (m, 2H,  $CH_2-5$ ), 2.54 (s, 3H,  $O=C-CH_3$ ), 2.67 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_2S$ ), 4.40 (t,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 1H, H-5), 6.25 (s, 1H, NH-4), 6.81 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.50- 7.52 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.77 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.90 – 7.93 (m, 2H, H-2''+ H-6''), 8.0 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-8'), 8.23 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5').  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  15.4 ( $CH_3S$ ), 24.1 ( $O=CCH_3$ ), 29.7( $CH_2S$ ), 32.0 ( $CH_2CH$ ), 53.0 (C-5), 107.7 (C-8'), 112.9 (C-3'), 120.7 (C-6'), 121.8 (C-4'a), 125.9 (C-4''), 126.4 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.67 (C-1''), 131.74 (C-5'), 142.1 (C-7'), 144.9 (C-3), 156.2 (C-8'a), 162.1 (C-2'), 163.8 (C-6), 177.9 (C-4'), 192.7 ( $O=C-Me$ ). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{22}N_3O_4S$   $[M + H]^+$  436.1331; found 436.13255.

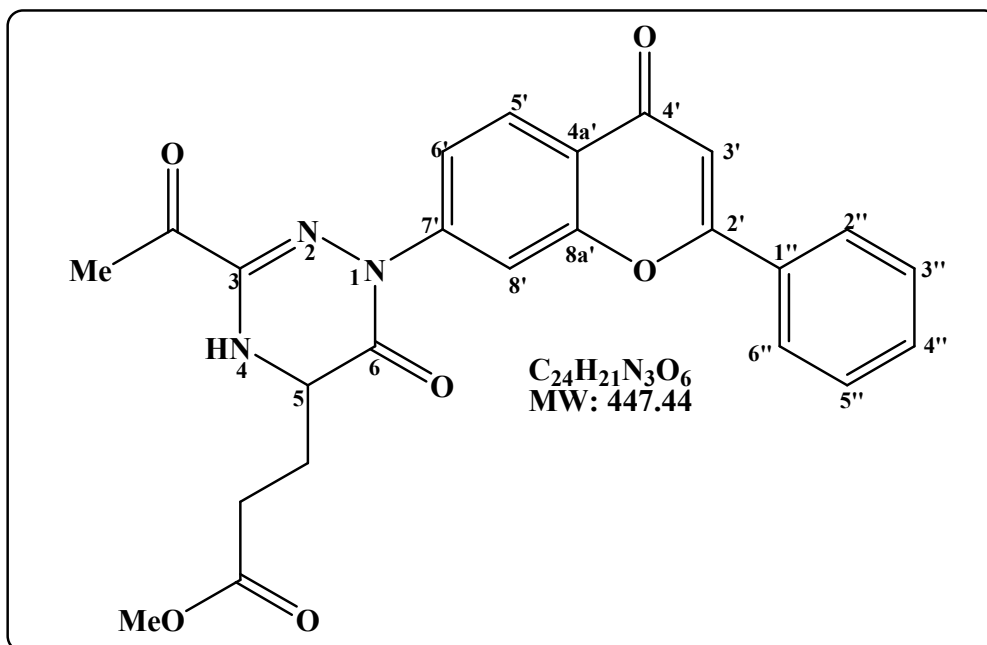
3-acetyl-5-benzyl-4,5-dihydro-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80f**)



Yield = 0.29 g (44.3 %), mp = 151-152 °C.  $[\alpha]_D = -350^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF).  $^1H$ -NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.41 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 2.63 (m, 2H,  $-CH_2Ph$ ), 4.48 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.92 (s, 1H, NH-4), 6.82 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.13 -7.16 (m, 2H, H-2'''+ H-6'''), 7.28 -7.32 (m, 3H, H-3'''+ H-4'''+ H-5'''), 7.50 – 7.54 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.91 – 7.93 (m, 2H, H-2''+ H-6''), 7.94 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, H-8'), 8.23 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5').  $^{13}C$ -NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  23.9 (O=C- $CH_3$ ), 40.3 ( $CH_2$ -Ph), 55.2 (C-5), 107.8 (C-8'), 113.0 (C-3'), 120.8 (C-6'), 121.9 (C-4'a), 125.9 (C-4''), 126.4 (C-2''/C-6''), 127.7 (C-4'''), 129.0 (C-2'''/C-6'''), 129.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 129.6 (C-3'''/C-5'''), 131.7 (C-1''), 131.8 (C-5'), 134.9 (C-1'''), 141.9 (C-7'), 144.7 (C-3), 156.2 (C-8'a), 161.9 (C-2'), 163.8 (C-6), 177.9 (C-4'), 192.6 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{20}N_3O_4$   $[M - H]^-$  450.14538; found 450.14593.



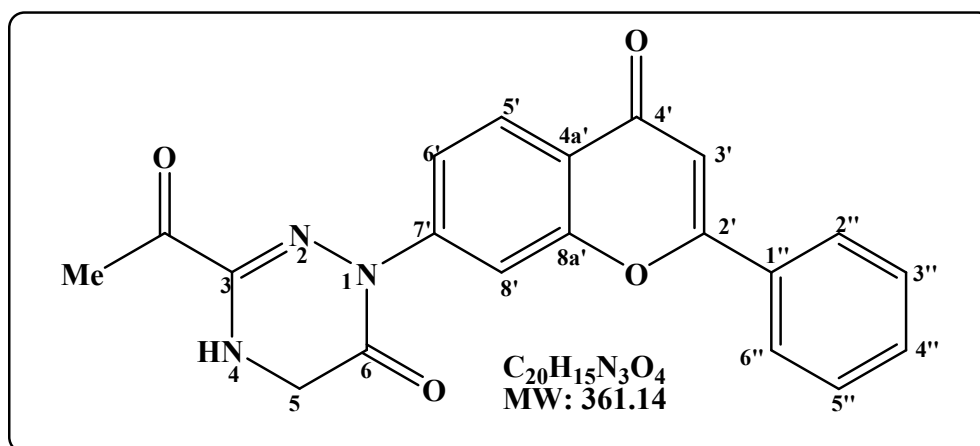
Methyl3-(3-acetyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-6-oxo-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-5-yl)propanoate (**80g**)



Yield = 0.30 g (45.4 %), mp = 134-135 °C.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -140^{\circ}$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.23 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$ ), 2.54 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe}$ ), 2.53 (s, 3H,  $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.67 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OCO}$ ), 4.32 (m, 1H, H-5), 6.25 (s, 1H, NH-4), 6.82 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.48 – 7.52 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.77 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.90 – 7.93 (m, 2H, H-2''+ H-6''), 8.00 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-8'), 8.22 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5').  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  24.1 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.6 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}$ ), 29.7 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{COOMe}$ ), 52.1 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 53.1 (C-5), 107.7 (C-8'), 112.9 (C-3'), 120.7 (C-6'), 121.9 (C-4'a), 125.9 (C-4''), 126.4 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.7 (C-1''), 131.8 (C-5'), 142.3 (C-7'), 144.8 (C-3), 156.2 (C-8'a), 161.8 (C-2'), 163.8 (C-6), 173.2 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ), 177.9 (C-4'), 192.6 ( $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{Me}$ ). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  448.15086; found 448.15031.

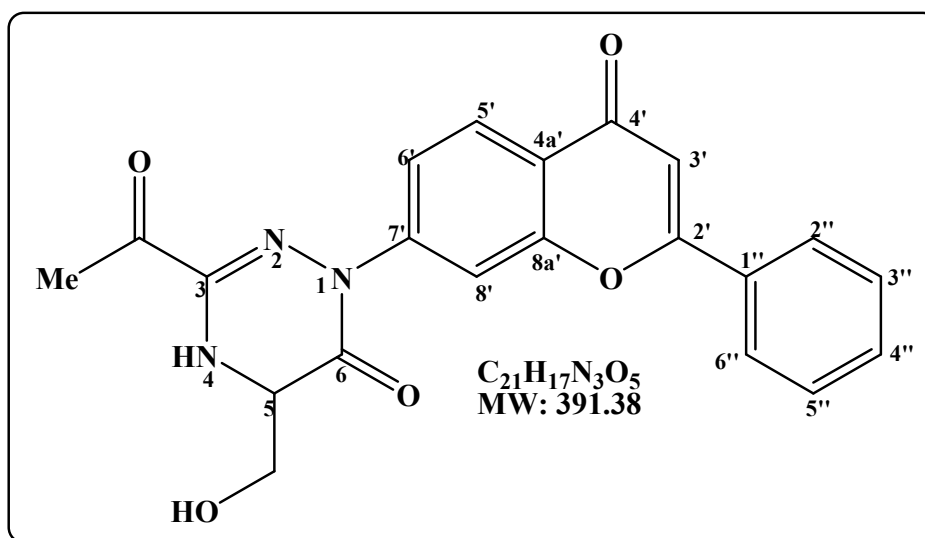
3-acetyl-4, 5-dihydro-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one

(80h)



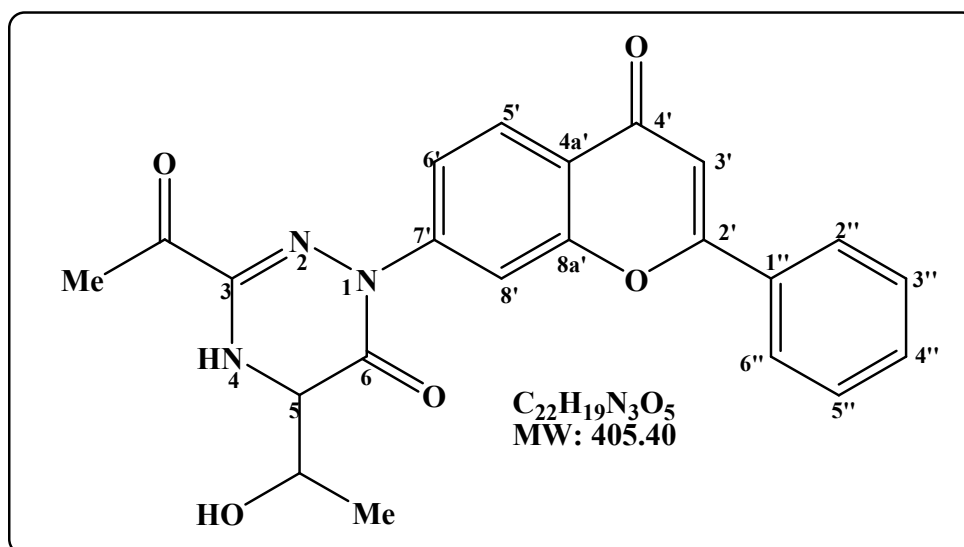
Yield = 0.51 g (96.8 %), mp = 275-276 °C.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  2.46 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.04 (s, 2H,  $\text{H}_2$ -5), 7.02 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.56-7.58 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.72 (br. s, 1H, NH-4), 7.85 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 8.04-8.12 (m, 4H, H-5'+ H-8'+H-2''+ H-6'').  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  24.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 43.8 (C-5), 107.6 (C-8'), 112.8 (C-3'), 121.2 (C-6'), 121.3 (C-4'a), 125.4(C-4''), 126.9 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.7 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1''), 132.4 (C-5'), 143.7 (C-7'), 145.4 (C-3), 156.1 (C-8'a), 160.8 (C-2'), 163.3 (C-6), 177.0 (C-4'), 193.1 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ] $^+$  362.11408; found 362.11353.

3-acetyl-4,5-dihydro-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80i**)



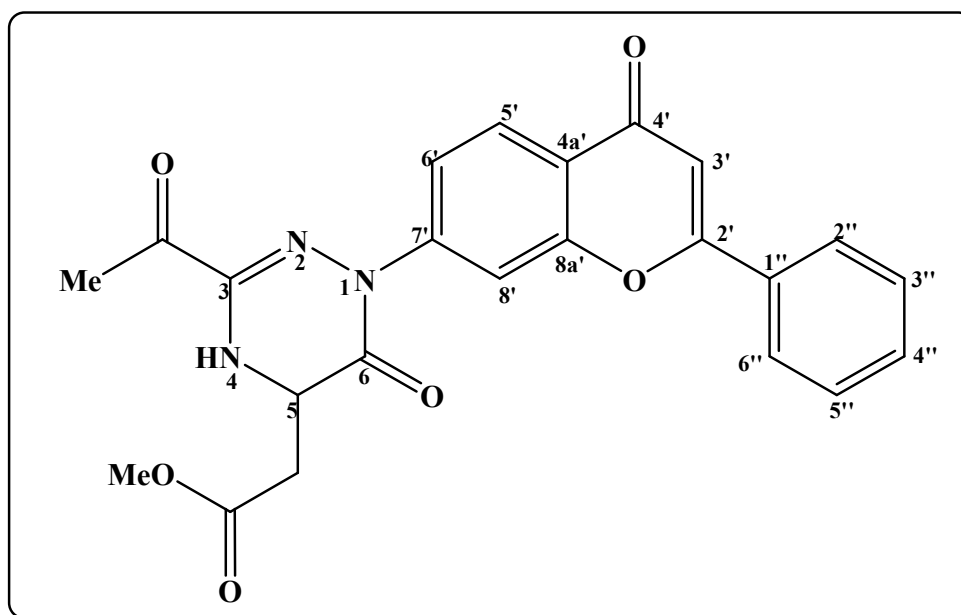
Yield = 0.71 g (100 %), mp = 271-272 °C.  $[\alpha]_D = -226^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.43 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.57-3.85 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-5), 4.17 (br s, 2H, H-5), 5.18 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 1H, OH), 7.02 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.55-7.57 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.70 (br. s, 1H, NH-4), 7.83 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.09 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H, H-8'), 8.11 (m, 2H, H-2''+ H-6''). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  24.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.7 (C-5), 64.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>-5), 107.5 (C-8'), 112.9 (C-3'), 121.2 (C-6'), 121.3 (C-4'a), 125.4 (C-4''), 126.9 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.6 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1''), 132.4 (C-5'), 143.4 (C-7'), 145.6 (C-3), 156.1 (C-8'a), 162.1 (C-2'), 163.3 (C-6), 177.0 (C-4'), 193.3 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na  $[M + Na]^+$  414.10659; found 414.10604.

3-acetyl-4,5-dihydro-5-(1-hydroxyethyl)-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-6(1*H*)-one (**80j**)



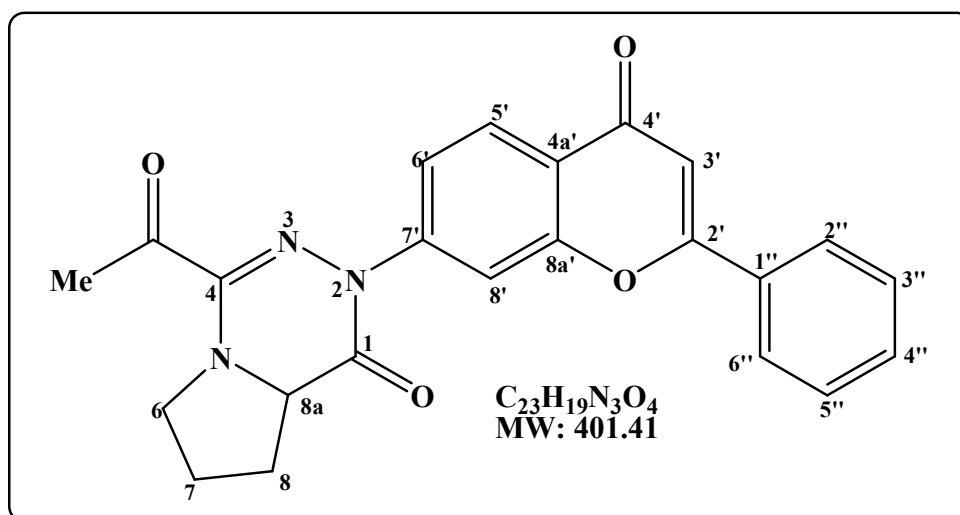
Yield = 0.48 g (80.4 %), mp = 267-268 °C.  $[\alpha]_D = -150^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  1.09 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-CH), 2.44 (s, 3H, O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (br s, 1H, H-5), 4.04 (br s, 1H, CH-5), 5.02 (d,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 1H, OH), 7.702 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.55-7.58 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.62 (br. s, 1H, NH-4), 7.83 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 1.7$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H, H-5'), 8.09-8.12 (m, 2H, H-8'+ H-2''+ H-6''). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  19.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>-CH), 24.9 (O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 59.5 (CH-H<sub>5</sub>), 68.8 (C-5), 107.6 (C-8'), 113.0 (C-3'), 121.2 (C-6'), 121.4 (C-4'a), 125.4 (C-4''), 126.9 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.7 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1''), 132.4 (C-5'), 143.5 (C-7'), 145.7 (C-3), 156.1 (C-8'a), 162.6 (C-2'), 163.3 (C-6), 177.0 (C-4'), 193.3 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  $[M + H]^+$  406.1403; found 406.13975.

Methyl2-(3-acetyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-6-oxo-1-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)-1,2,4-triazin-5-yl)acetate (**80k**).



Yield = 0.12 g ( 18.1%), mp = 222-224 °C.  $[\alpha]_D = -60^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.43(s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.84-3.05 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}_2$ -5), 3.37(s, 1H, OMe) , 4.55 (m, 1H, H-5), 7.02 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.52-7.57 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.78-7.82 (m, 2H, , NH-4+H-6'), 8.04-8.11 (m, 4H, H-5'+ H-8'+H-2''+ H-6'').  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (75 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  24.8 (O=C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 37.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ -5), 50.6 (O=C-O $\text{CH}_3$ ), 52.2 (C-5), 107.6 (C-8'), 113.0 (C-3'), 121.3 (C-6'), 121.4 (C-4'a), 125.4 (C-4''), 126.9 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.6 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1''), 132.3 (C-5'), 142.6 (C-7'), 145.5 (C-3), 156.1 (C-8'a), 162.5 (C-2'), 163.3 (C-6), 171.0 ( $\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$ ), 177.0 (C-4'), 193.2 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  434.13521; found 434.13466.

4-acetyl-6,7,8,8a-tetrahydro-2-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4*H*-chromen-7-yl)pyrrolo[1,2-  
d][1,2,4]triazin-1(2*H*)-one (**81**)

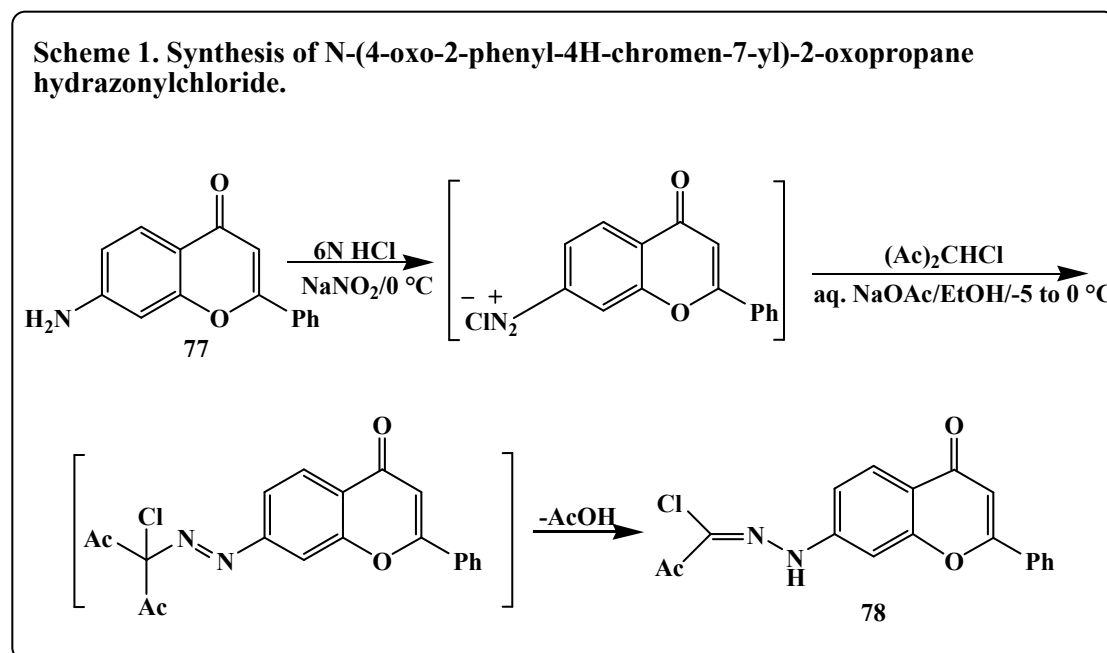


Yield = 0.39 g (66.5 %), mp = 210-211 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +404^\circ$  ( $c \sim 1$ , DMF). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.96 (m, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>-7), 2.33 (m, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>-8), 2.53 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.83 (m, 1H, H-8a), 4.00 (m, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>-6), 6.79 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.49 (m, 3H, H-3''+ H-4''+ H-5''), 7.81 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.90 (m, 2H, H-2''+ H-6''), 8.04 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, H-8'), 8.21 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, H-5'). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.4 (C-7), 27.5 (C-8), 50.1 (C-6), 58.0 (C-8a), 107.7 (C-8'), 112.3 (C-3'), 120.3 (C-6'), 121.5 (C-4'a), 125.9 (C-4''), 126.3 (C-2''/C-6''), 129.1 (C-3''/C-5''), 131.6 (C-1''), 131.7 (C-5'), 143.9 (C-7'), 144.8 (C-3), 156.2 (C-8'a), 162.1 (C-2'), 163.7 (C-1), 177.9 (C-4'), 194.3 (O=C-Me). HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$ : Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 402.14538; found 402.14483.

## 4. Results and discussions

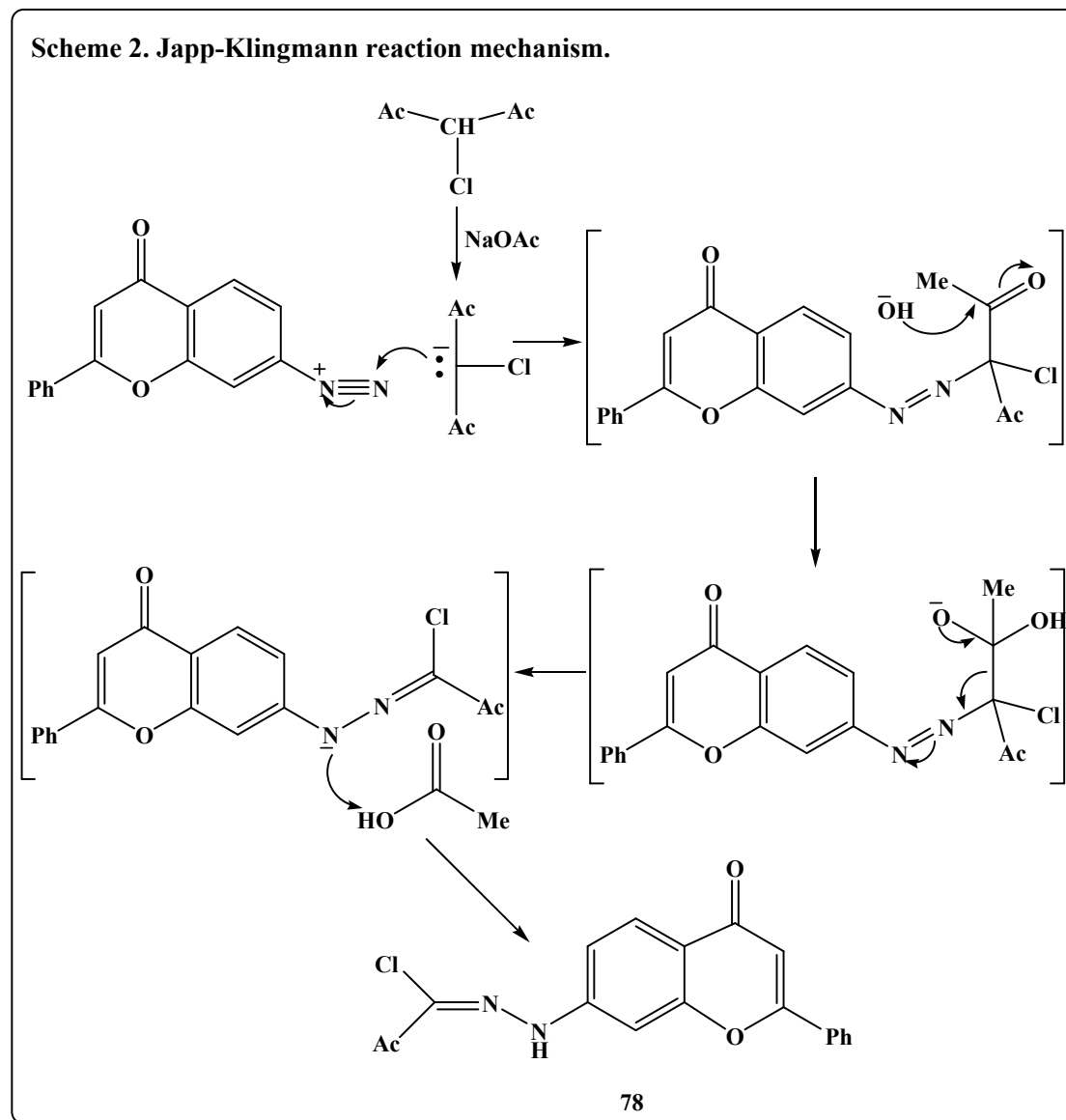
### 4.1. Synthesis of 2-oxo-N-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-7-yl) propane hydrazonyl chloride(78)

The 2-oxo-N-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-7-yl) propane hydrazonyl chloride (**78**) was prepared *via* diazotization of 7-amino-2-phenyl-4H-chromen-2-one (**77**), followed by coupling with 3-chloro-2,4-pentanedione (Japp-Klingemann reaction) in basic medium (NaOAc or pyridine), as in (Scheme 1). The resulting yellow-colored solid precipitate was collected and recrystallized from acetonitrile.



The Japp-Klingemann reaction is a special case of the coupling of arene diazonium salt with activated methinyl compounds. It is performed by direct electrophilic attack of the diazonium cation on carbanion. The resulting intermediate azo compound is unstable,

undergoing azo to hydrazone conversion through loss of acetyl group as shown in (scheme 2) (Yao and Resnick, 1962).



The structure of (**78**) is supported by analytical and spectral data (NMR and MS). Thus, the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum showed a singlet signal at 2.64 ppm which is attributed to the acetyl methyl protons. The exchangeable NH proton appears as downfield broad singlet

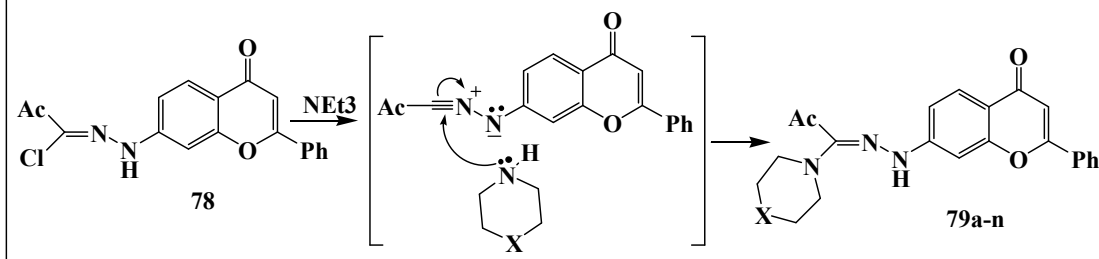


signal at 8.64 ppm. The spectrum also shows three signals in the aromatic region at 7.20, 7.39 and 8.22 ppm which are assigned to H-6 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.0$  Hz), H-8 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz) and H-5 (dd,  $J = 8.53$  Hz) proton, respectively. The latter H-6 proton is coupled with H-5 and H-8 protons. Two other broad multiplet signals appear at 7.54, 7.90 – 7.93 ppm which are assigned to (H-3' + H-4' + H-5') and (H-2' + H-6') protons, respectively. The vinylic H-3 proton appears as singlet at 6.79 ppm. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound (**78**) revealed clearly that all of different carbon atoms are detectable; the keto group resonates at 188.7 ppm, the methyl carbon (acetyl group) appears at 26.1 ppm. DEPT experiment confirmed the presence of nine C-H atoms in the range 102.6-132.2 ppm.

#### 4.2. Preparation of amidrazones (**79a-n**)

Amidrazones (**79a-n**) were prepared by reaction of hydrazonoyl chloride (**78**), in presence of triethylamine, with the appropriate secondary amines at 0 °C in DMF. Secondary amines, acting as nucleophiles, add readily to nitrile imines (generated *in situ* from the respective hydrazonoyl chlorides). The interaction between nitrile imines and amines is expected to yield the corresponding Z-amidrazones (Hussein et al., 1984) as the kinetically controlled products (Scheme 3).

Scheme 3. Synthesis of amidrazone (79a-n).

Compounds **79a-n**

entry	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n
X	CH <sub>2</sub>	S	O	NH <sub>2</sub>	NMe	NEt	NBz	N(2-pyrimidine)	N(p-Ph)	N(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OMe)	N(o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F)	N(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F)	N(CO <sub>2</sub> Et)	N(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl)

The structure of (**79e**) is supported by analytical and spectral data (NMR and MS). Thus the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum showed that the N-methyl proton resonates as singlet at 2.47 ppm, The exchangeable NH proton appears as a downfield broad singlet signal around 9.26 ppm, The H-2" + H-6" methylene protons in the piperazine moiety resonate at 3.10 ppm, and are more deshielded than the H-3" + H-5" methylene protons resonating at 2.53 ppm. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound (**79e**) showed that the N-methyl carbon resonates at 46.5, the methylene carbons in the piperazine moiety (C-2" / C- 6") and (C-3" / C-5") resonate at 48.0 and 55.8 respectively, <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR signal assignments to the various hydrogens and carbons in (**79a-n**), were deduced in similar basis.

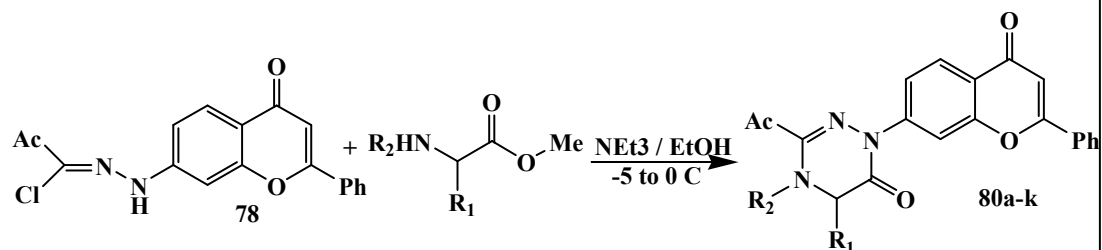
Considering compounds (**79d-n**), the effect of the group attached to the N (4) atom of the piperazine could be noticed. If the attached group is electron-withdrawing, as in compounds (**79h-n**),  $\delta$ -value of piperazine protons will be shifted downfield as compared to the unsubstituted compound at N(4) (**79d**). Conversely, in compounds (**79d-g**) which

have electron-releasing groups through inductive effect, the  $\delta$ -value of piperazine protons is upfield shifted.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of (**79k**) reveals clearly the effect of fluorine atom onto the adjacent carbons; thus the following carbons showed through bonds coupling with the fluorine atom (C-2''',  $^1J = 244.6$  Hz), (C-3''',  $^2J = 20.6$  Hz), (C-1''',  $^2J = 8.6$  Hz), (C-4''',  $^3J = 7.9$  Hz), (C-6''',  $^3J = 3.5$  Hz) and (C-5''',  $^4J = 2.9$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of (**79l**) also shows the coupling with the fluorine atom (C-4''',  $^1J = 145.7$  Hz), (C-3'' / C-5'',  $^2J = 22.0$  Hz), (C-2'' / C-6'',  $^3J = 7.6$  Hz), and (C-1'',  $^4J = 2.3$  Hz).

#### 4.3. Preparation of 4, 5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-one (80a-k)

In the present study,  $\alpha$ -amino esters are found to react with hydrazonoyl chlorides (**78**) at low temperature, in the presence of triethyl amine, to give directly the corresponding 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-ones (Scheme 4). Under such reaction conditions, the hydrazonoyl chlorides (**78**) are assumed to be transformed completely into the respective intermediate nitrile imines, as given in (Scheme 5).

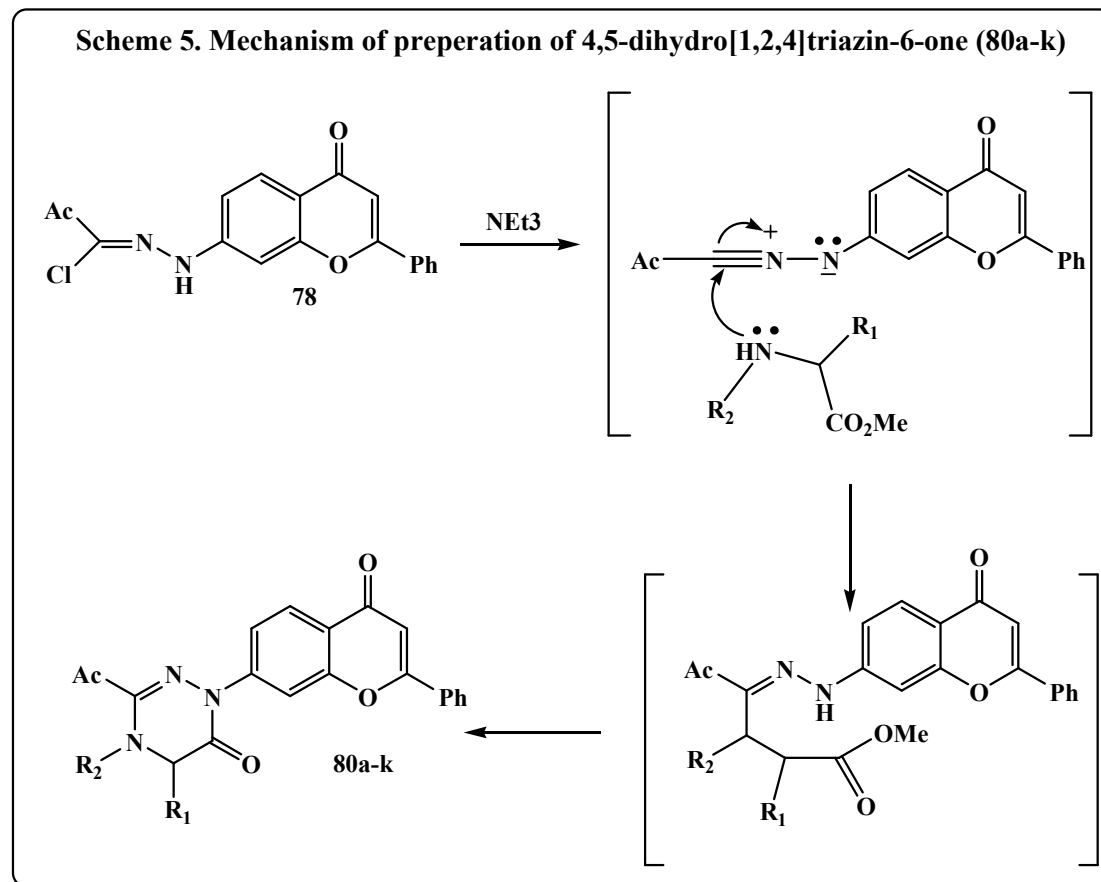
Scheme 4. Synthesis of 4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-6-ones (80a-k)



Compounds 80a-k

	R1	R2
a	H	H
b	$\text{CH}_3$	H
c	H	$\text{CH}_3$
d		H
e	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SCH}_3$	H
f	$\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$	H
g	$\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$	H
h	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$	H
i	$\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	H
j	$\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$	H
k	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$	H

The  $\alpha$ -amino esters are considered as nitrogen nucleophiles containing a suitably located electrophilic center.  $\alpha$ -Amino esters add through the amino group onto nitrile imines (in a similar manner to amines) to give the corresponding Z-amidrazone ester intermediates. The latter acyclic Z-amidrazone adducts are likely to undergo intramolecular cyclization to (80) (Scheme 5).



The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra show that the acetyl protons resonate at 2.17- 2.50 ppm and 2.29- 2.54 ppm for (**79a-n**) and (**80a-k**), respectively. The spectrum also show that the proton signal at position 3 appears as a singlet in the range 6.69-6.76 ppm for compounds (**79a-n**), whereas in compounds (**80a-k**), the corresponding H-3' proton is more deshielded and resonates at 6.71-6.82 ppm. The H-5 proton resonates as a doublet ( $J = 8.7$  Hz) at 8.08- 8.22 in (**79a-n**), while in (**80a-k**) the corresponding H-5' proton resonates at 8.17-8.24 ppm. The H-6 proton in (**79a-l**) resonates as doublet of doublet at 7.08-7.14 ppm ( $J = 8.7$ , 2.0 Hz), while the corresponding proton at H-6' belonging to (**80a-k**) is more deshielded and resonates at 7.66-7.81 ppm ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The H-8 proton (**79a-l**) and its corresponding proton at H-8' of (**80a-k**) resonates as doublet at 7.28-7.37 and 7.90-8.04 ppm ( $J = 2.0$

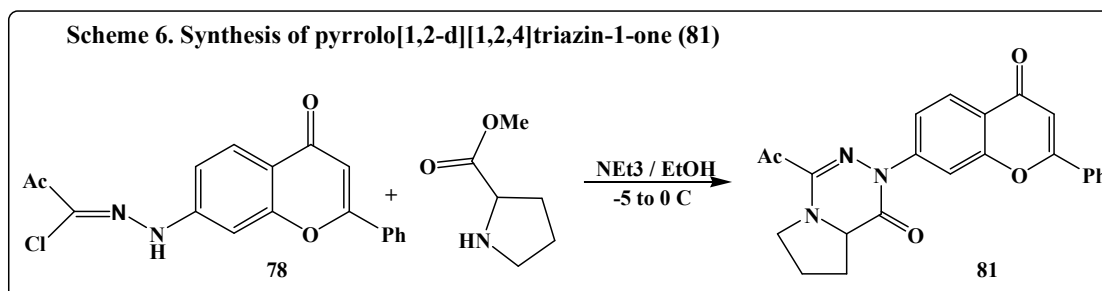
Hz), respectively ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The H-6 and H-8 proton for compounds (**79m-n**) resonate as multiplet at 7.49-7.58 ppm ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ). The (H-3' + H-4' + H-5'), (H-2' + H-6') protons in compounds (**79a-n**) resonate as multiplet at 7.46-7.54, 7.83-7.94 ppm respectively, whereas in compounds (**80a-g**), the corresponding (H-3'' + H-4'' + H-5''), (H-2'' + H-6'') protons resonate as multiplet at 7.47-7.57 and 7.88-7.94 ppm respectively ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). In compounds (**80h-k**) the (H-3'' + H-4'' + H-5''), (H-2'' + H-6'') protons resonate as multiplet at 7.55-7.58 and 8.08-8.12 ppm, respectively ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ).

The N-H proton in (**79a-l**) resonates at 9.24-9.45 ppm ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), in compounds (**79m-n**) N-H proton appears at 10.20-10.25 ppm ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ). While compounds (**80a-k**) are devoid of N-H signal, indicative of cyclization of Z-amidrazone esters. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of (**79a-n**) show that the C-H carbons of the flavone appear at 107.3-107.6, 131.7-132.1, 112.6-113.7 and 100.9-101.6 ppm for C-3, C-5, C-6 and C-8, respectively. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of the cyclized products (**80a-k**), a remarkable difference from the above values could be observed for (**79a-n**) since the C-H carbons (at flavone moiety) appear more deshielded at 112.3-113.0, 131.7-132.4, 120.1-121.3, 107.5-107.8 ppm for C-3', C-5', C-6' and C-8', respectively. The carbonyl carbon of acetyl group appears at 195.1-195.8 and 192.7-194.3 ppm for (**79a-n**) and (**80a-k**), respectively. On the other hand, the C-4 carbonyl carbon appears at 176.8-177.8 and 177.0-178.1 ppm for (**79a-n**) and (**80a-k**). Compounds (**80a-g**) have N-H proton (at 4-position) resonating as singlet in the range 7.70-7.76 ppm ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), while in compounds (**80h-k**) N-H proton resonates at 3.31-3.27 ppm ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ). The C-5 proton in compounds (**80a-k**) appear as part of ABX system in the range 4.00-4.51 ppm, except for (**80b**) (quartet), (**80c**) and (**80h**) (singlet).

This is due to coupling with the neighboring two diastereotopic protons (of the CH<sub>2</sub> methylene group).

#### 4.4. Preparation of pyrrolo [1, 2-d][1,2,4]triazin-1-one (81)

Compound (**81**) was prepared in a similar manner *via* reacting (L)-proline methyl ester with hydrazonoyl chloride (**78**) in presence triethylamine, at 0 °C in ethanol (scheme 18). Proline is a cyclic secondary  $\alpha$ -amino acid and reacts with nitrile imine through attack at the carbon of nitrile imine whereas the carboxyl group cyclizes to form the [1, 2, 4]triazinone ring fused onto the pyrrolidine ring, as shown in (scheme 6).



The assigned structure of compound (**81**) is supported by spectral (NMR and HRMS) data. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C spectra are used for assignment of the different protons and carbons. Thus, the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum shows three different methylene proton's signals at 1.96, 2.33 and 4.00 ppm which are assigned to (H<sub>2</sub>-7), (H<sub>2</sub>-8) and (H<sub>2</sub>-6), respectively. Those protons appear as multiplets due to mutual coupling with each other. Another signal appears as multiplet resonating at 4.00 ppm which is assigned to C-8a proton. The (H-3" + H-4" + H-5"), (H-2" + H-6") protons in compounds (**81**) resonate as multiplets at 7.49, 7.90, respectively. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound (**81**) reveals clearly the presence of three methylene carbons in addition to one aliphatic C-H carbon and nine aromatic C-

H carbons. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum also indicates the presence of the keto group at 194.3 ppm, while the carbonyl carbon of the (C-4') resonates at 177.9 ppm, and the C-1 carbon appears at 163.7 ppm.



#### 4.5. Antitumor activity

The antitumor activity of the **79a-m** compounds was characterized by conducting cell viability assay using tetrazolium dye 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) against MCF7 , T47D breast cancer and K562 leukemia cells. Cell viability was assessed, after 3 days of treatment, with tetrazolium dye 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT). For the IC<sub>50</sub> determination, the cells were treated with increasing concentrations of the tested compound (1.56–100 uM). IC<sub>50</sub> concentrations were obtained from the dose–response curves using Graph Pad Prism Software 5 (San Diego California USA, [www.graphpad.com](http://www.graphpad.com)).

##### MCF7 breast cancer

The MCF7 screening test showed that 7 compounds (**79a**, **79d**, **79e**, **79f**, **79g**, **79h**, **79m**) have a significant anti–MCF7 activity. Those 7 compounds were able to reduce the viability after 72 hours to less than 50% (Table1.). The IC<sub>50</sub> values for the potential compounds against the MCF7 showed that 3 compounds ( **79d**, **79g**, **79h**) have IC<sub>50</sub> values less than 10 uM (Table 2.).

##### K562 leukemia

The K562 leukemia screening test showed that 6 compounds have a significant anti–MCF7 activity. Those 6 (**79a**, **79b**, **79d**, **79e**, **79f**, **79j**) compounds were able to reduce the viability after 72 hours to less than 50% (Table1.) The IC<sub>50</sub> values for the potential

compounds against the K562 showed that 2 compounds (**79a** and **79d**) have IC<sub>50</sub> values less than 10  $\mu$ M (Table 2.).

#### **T47D breast cancer**

More encouraging results were obtained for the T47D breast cancer screening test. The number of compounds that scored an IC<sub>50</sub> of less 10  $\mu$ M increased to 4 (**79a**, **79d**, **79g**, **79h**) and the IC<sub>50</sub> values were lower than those scored in the MCF7 breast cancer case. The IC<sub>50</sub> values for 79d and 79g compounds against T47D are showed to be of less than 2  $\mu$ M (Table 2.).

<b>Compound</b>	MCF7% survival	standard deviation	K562 % survival	standard deviation
79a	<b>18.01</b>	0.01	<b>44.58</b>	2.71
79b	66.77	6.19	<b>19.83</b>	0.02
79c	76.73	7.93	94.56	3.75
79d	<b>10.28</b>	0.02	<b>7.69</b>	0.07
79e	<b>7.98</b>	0.24	<b>5.18</b>	0.01
79f	<b>9.77</b>	0.46	<b>15.88</b>	0.02

79g	<b>44.32</b>	0.02	83.27	6.10
79h	<b>20.27</b>	0.01	83.90	3.85
79i	75.58	0.01	64.85	0.08
79j	83.70	0.10	<b>42.19</b>	0.07
79k	66.42	0.04	72.62	0.11
79l	88.54	0.05	60.86	0.09
79m	<b>14.36</b>	0.14	68.27	0.05

Table1. Percentage cell survival of MCF7 and K562 following 72 hours exposure to 50 uM f all compounds.

<b>Compound</b>	IC <sub>50</sub> T47D ( $\mu$ M)	standard deviation	IC <sub>50</sub> MCF-7 ( $\mu$ M)	standard deviation	IC <sub>50</sub> K562 ( $\mu$ M)	standard deviation
Doxorubicin	0.33	0.05	0.31	0.01	1.41	0.31
79a	<b>8.79</b>	0.80	21.59	5.87	<b>2.56</b>	0.57
79b					20.18	1.41
79d	<b>1.42</b>	0.13	<b>5.91</b>	1.61	<b>5.02</b>	0.78
79e	15.76	1.38	22.37	4.56	16.15	4.17
79f	53.37	4.03	56.79	8.88	35	1.06
79g	<b>1.92</b>	0.35	<b>2.75</b>	0.73		
79h	<b>4.31</b>	0.54	<b>8.75</b>	1.38		
79j					14.07	0.52
79m	11.05		13.56	1.82		

Table 2. Effects of compounds that have shown potential activity on the screening assay

T47D, MCF-7 and K562. Doxorubicin is used as a Positive control.

## 5. Conclusion

A new flavone-7-yl hydrazonoyl chloride (**78**) was generated from 7-amino-flavone (**77**) *via* the Japp-Klingemann reaction. In presence of triethylamine, the hydrazonoyl chloride (**78**) reacts with selected set of secondary amines in ethanol at 0 °C to form flavone-7-yl amidrazones (**79**). Under similar conditions, compound (**78**) reacts with L-( $\alpha$ )-amino esters to form flavone-7-yl 4,5-dihydro[1,2,4]-triazin-6-ones (**80**) and pyrrolo[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-1-one (**81**). The latter being derived from proline methyl ester. Preliminary antitumor testing results of these compounds showed them to exhibited good to significant antitumor activity against HL-60 and MCF-7 cell lines.

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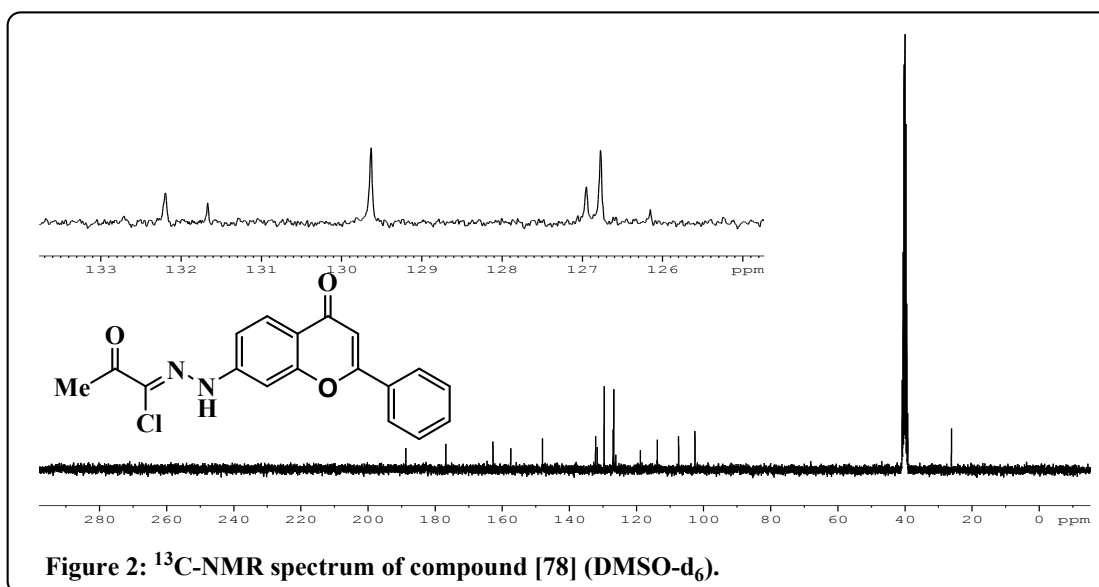
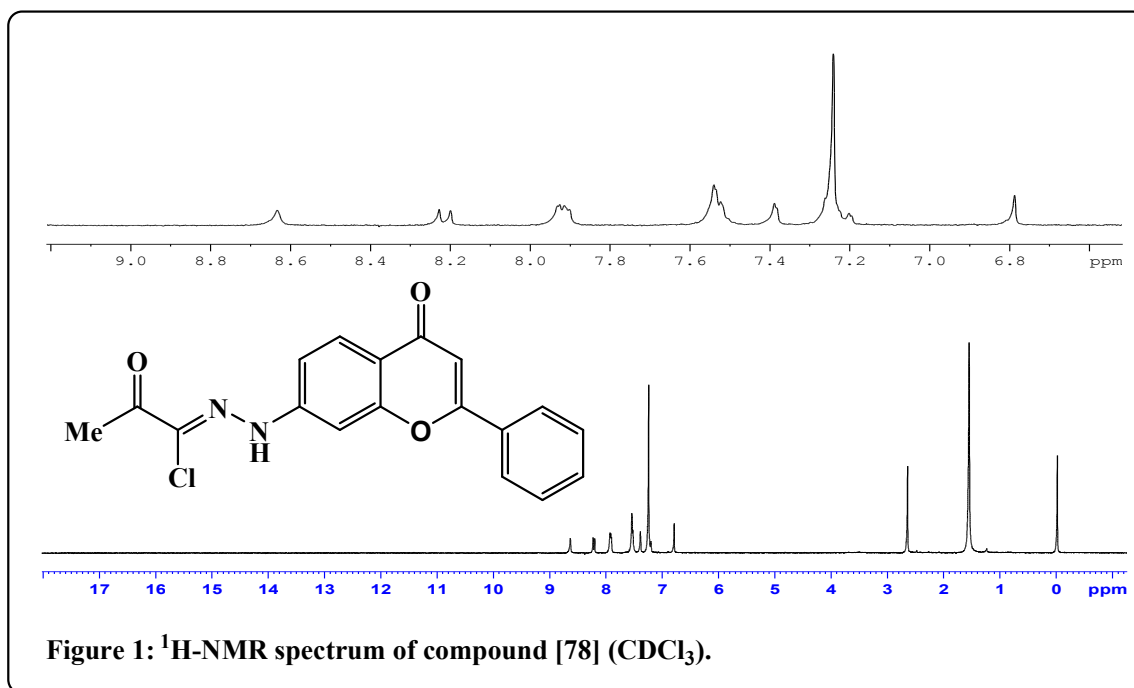
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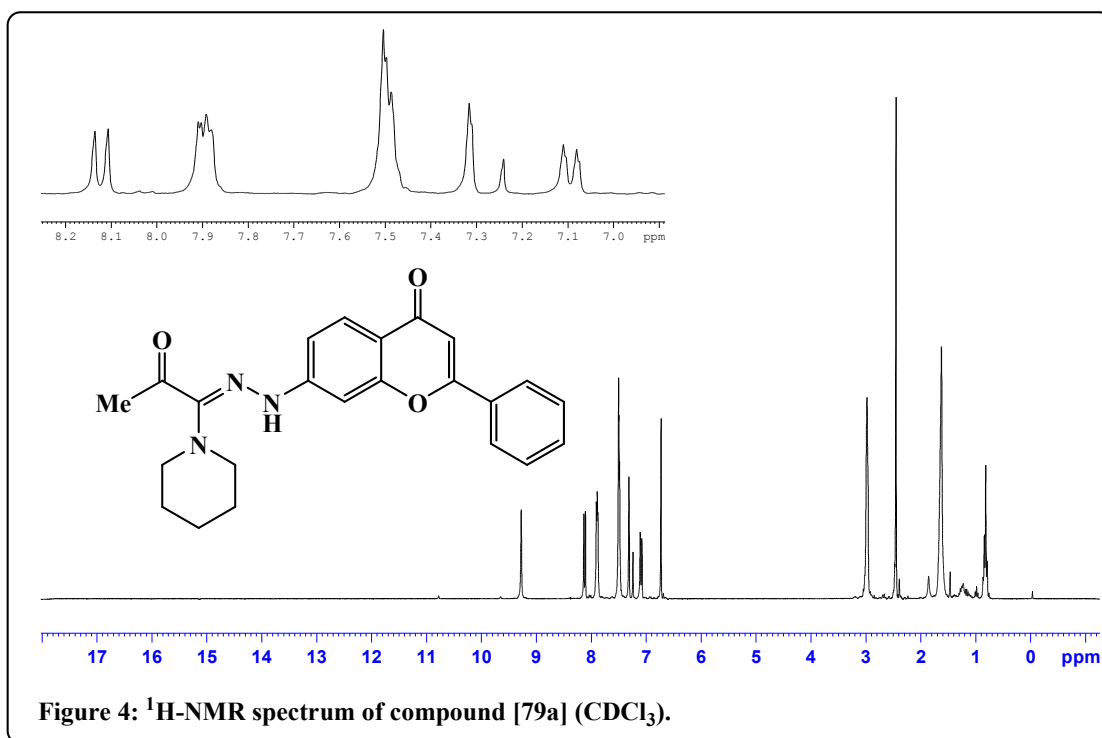
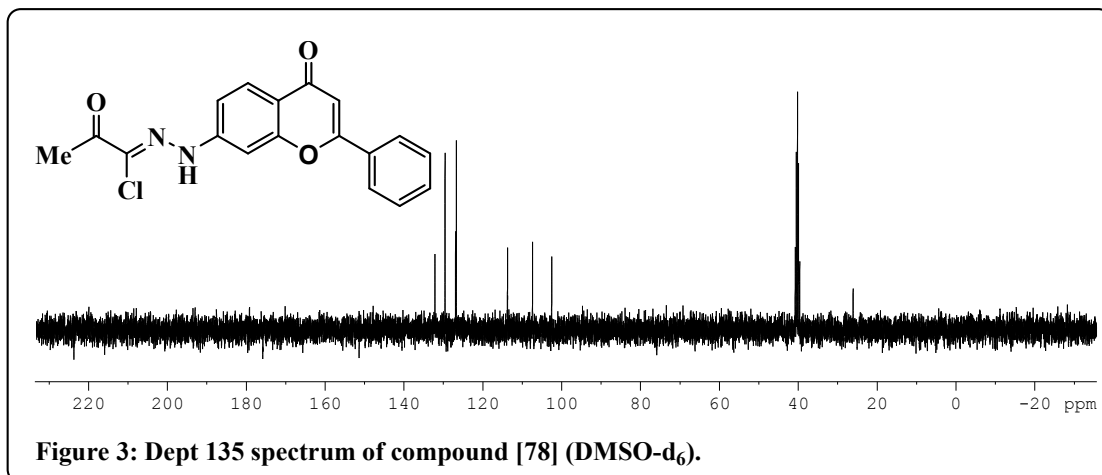
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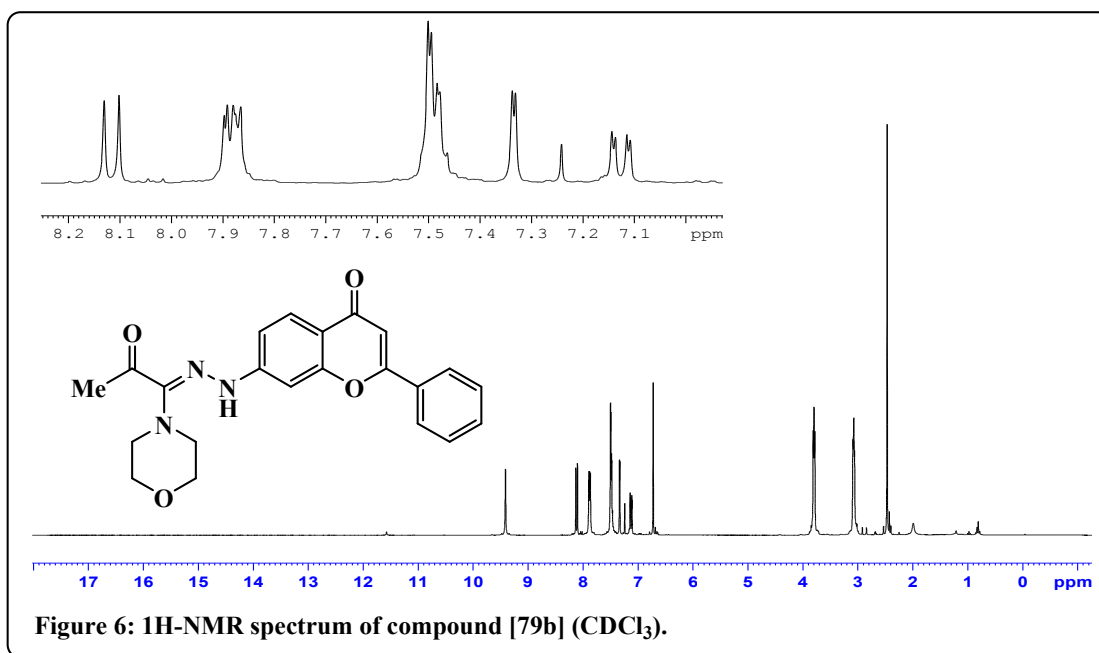
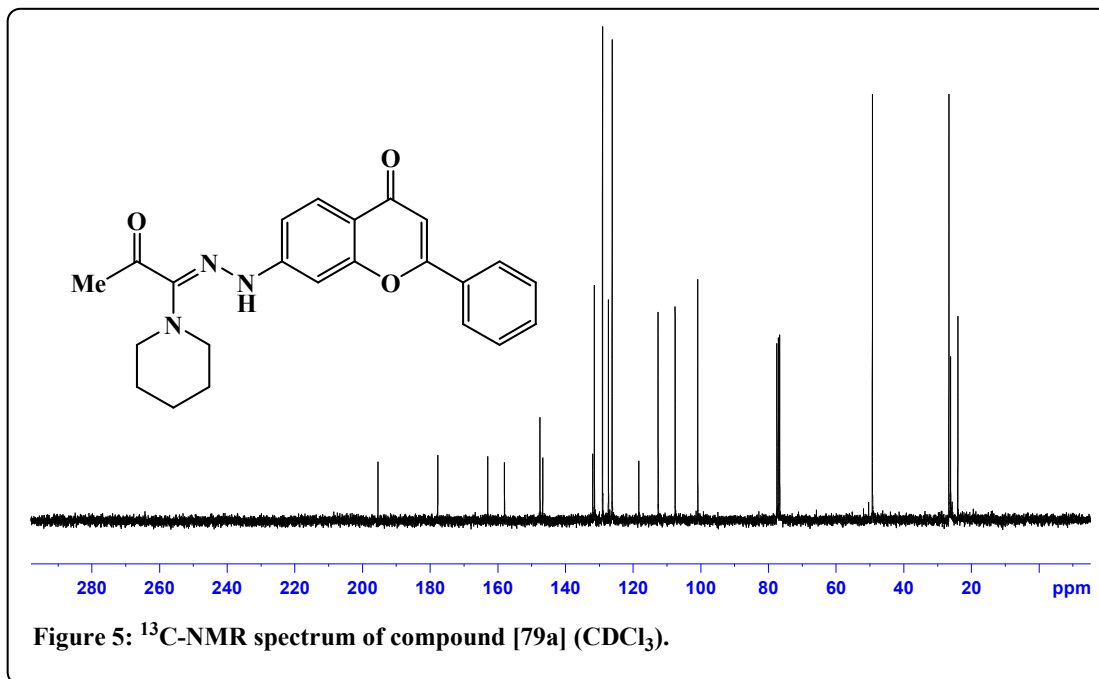
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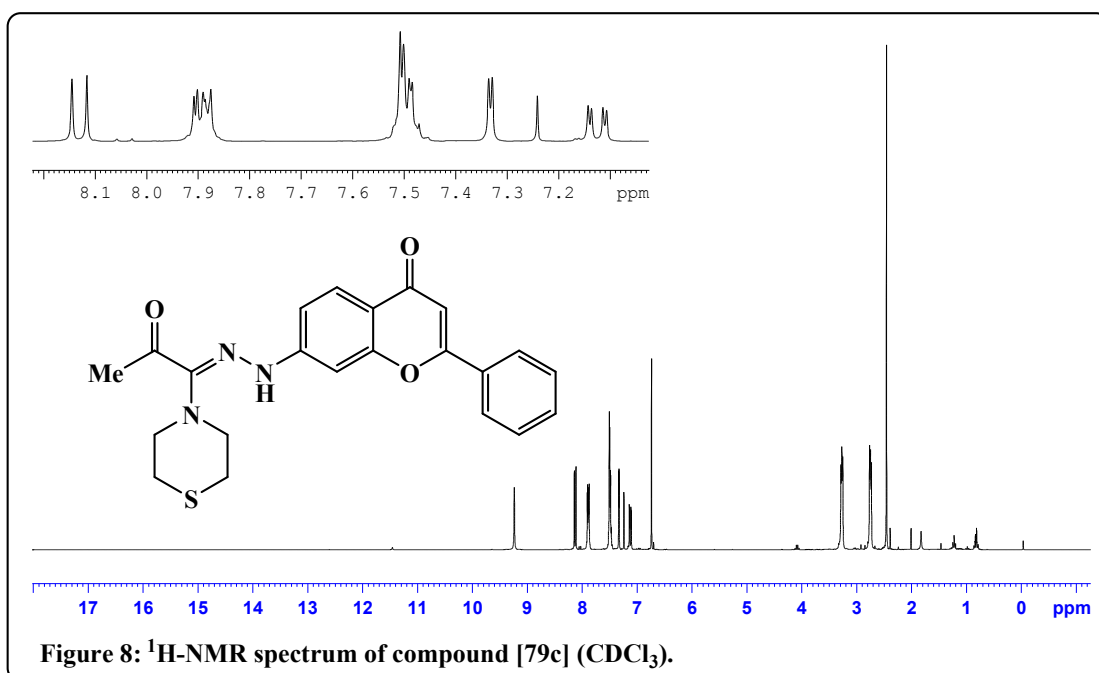
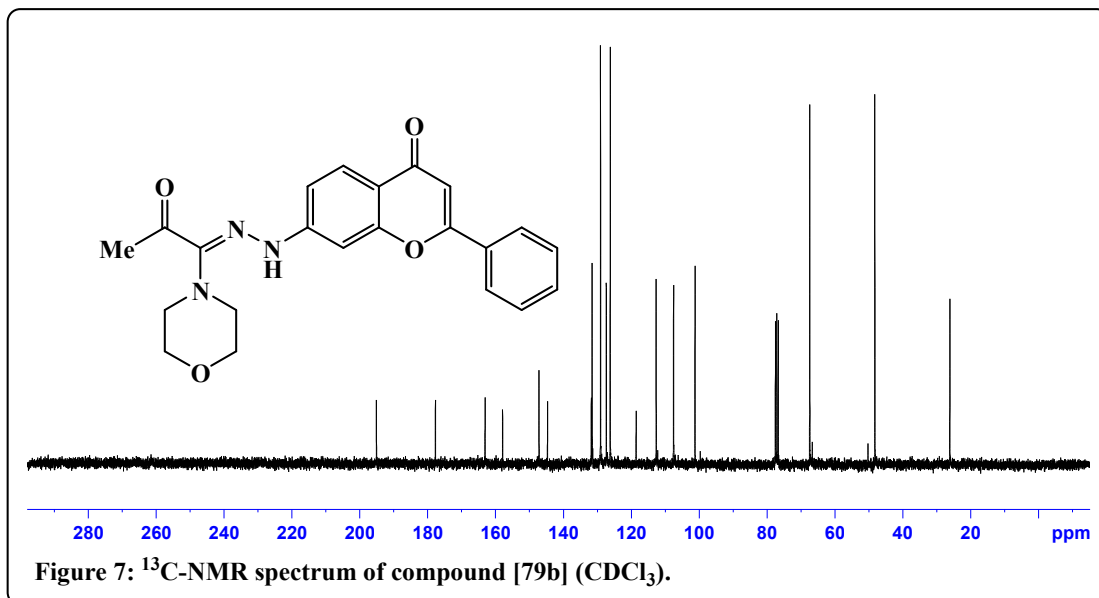
## 7. Appendix : NMR spectra

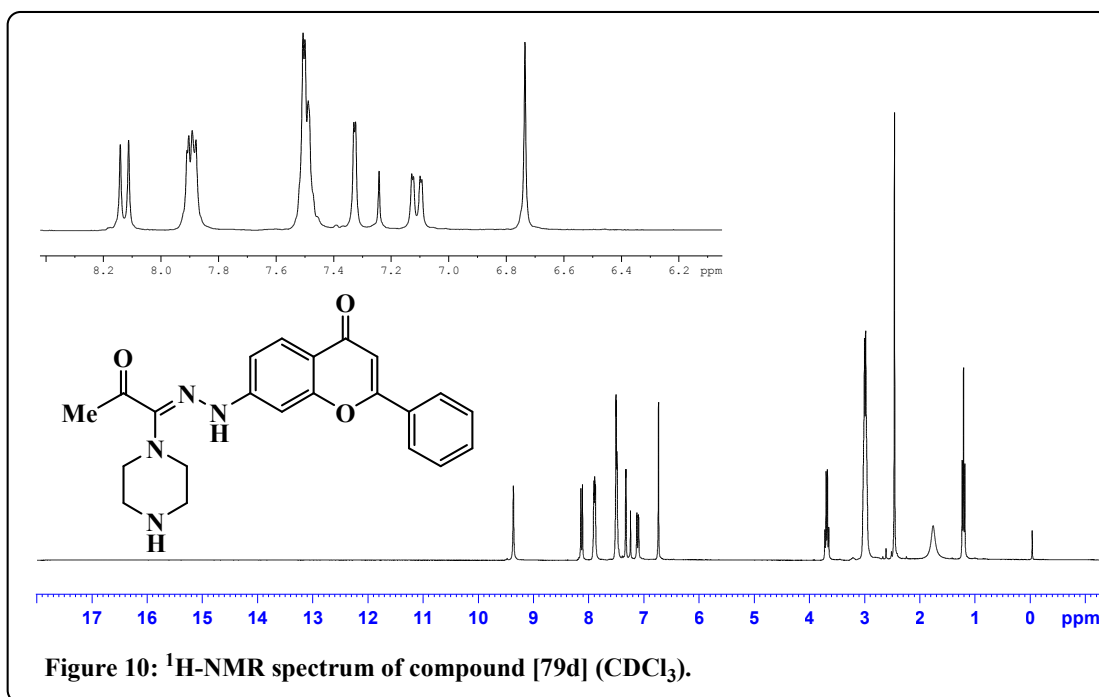
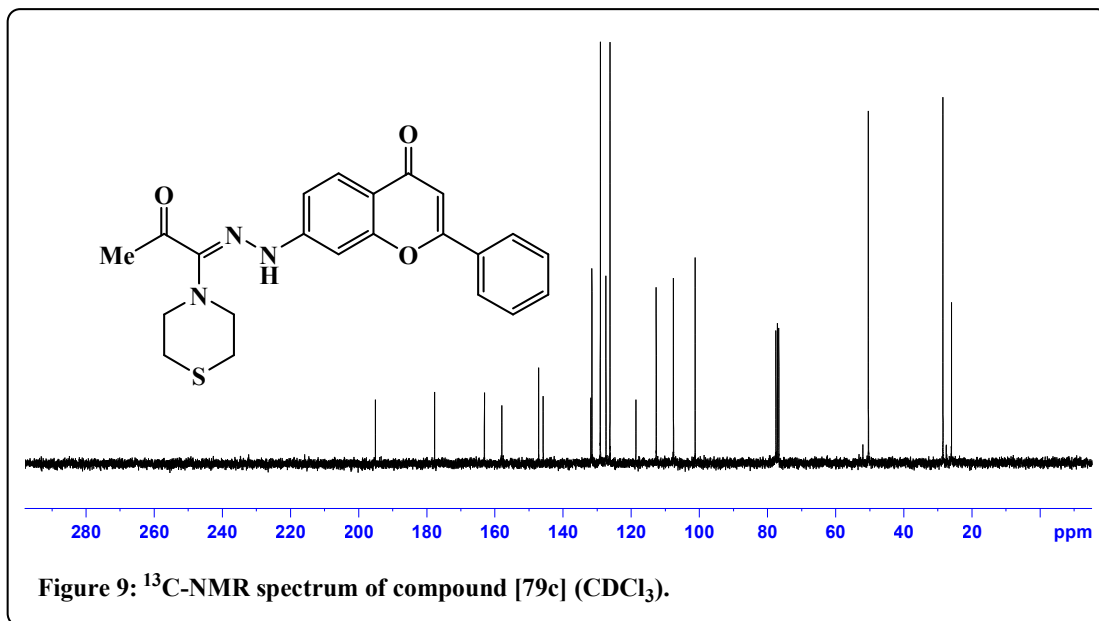


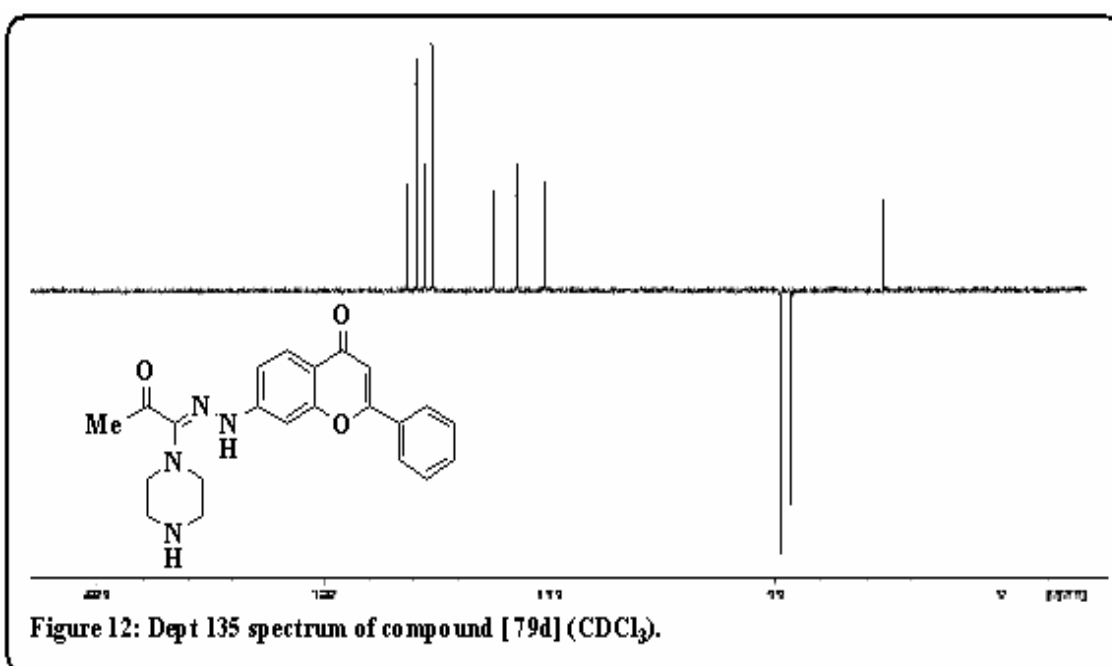
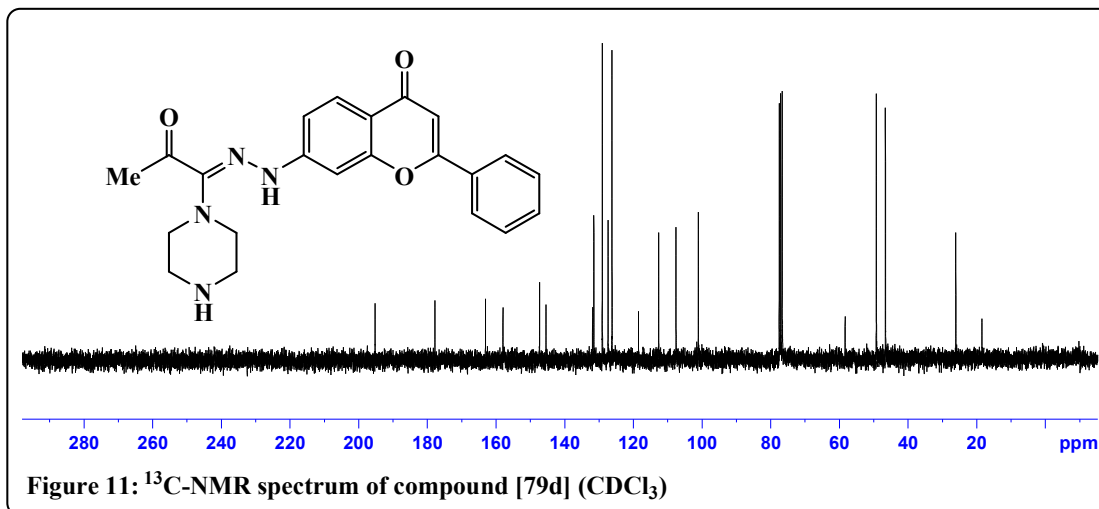


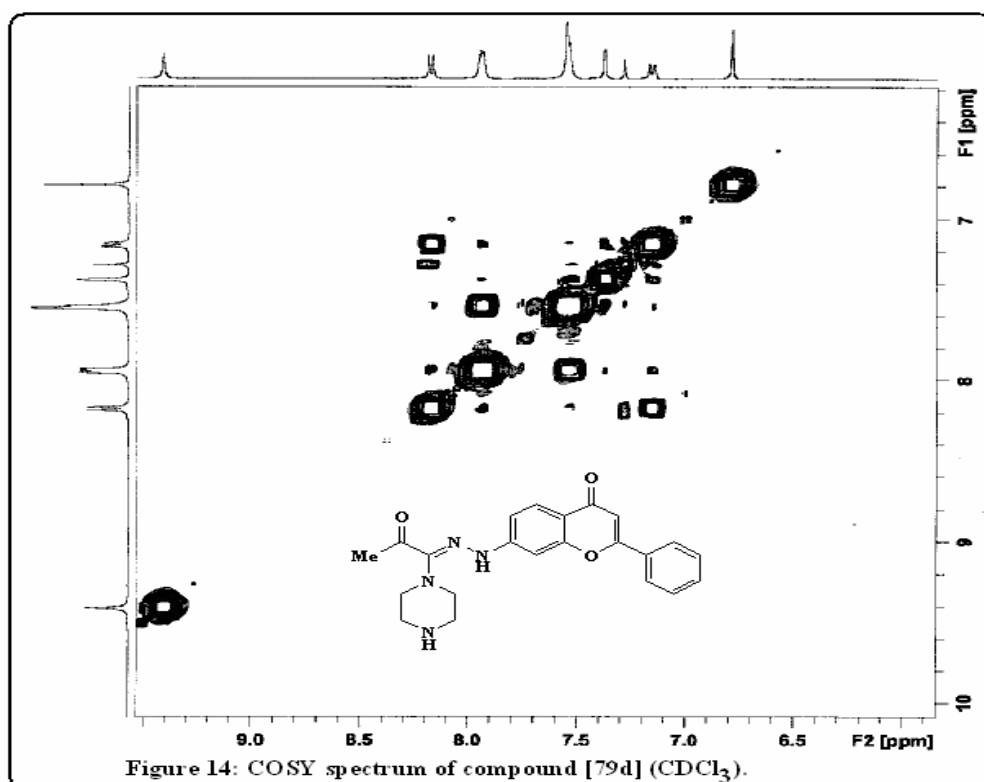
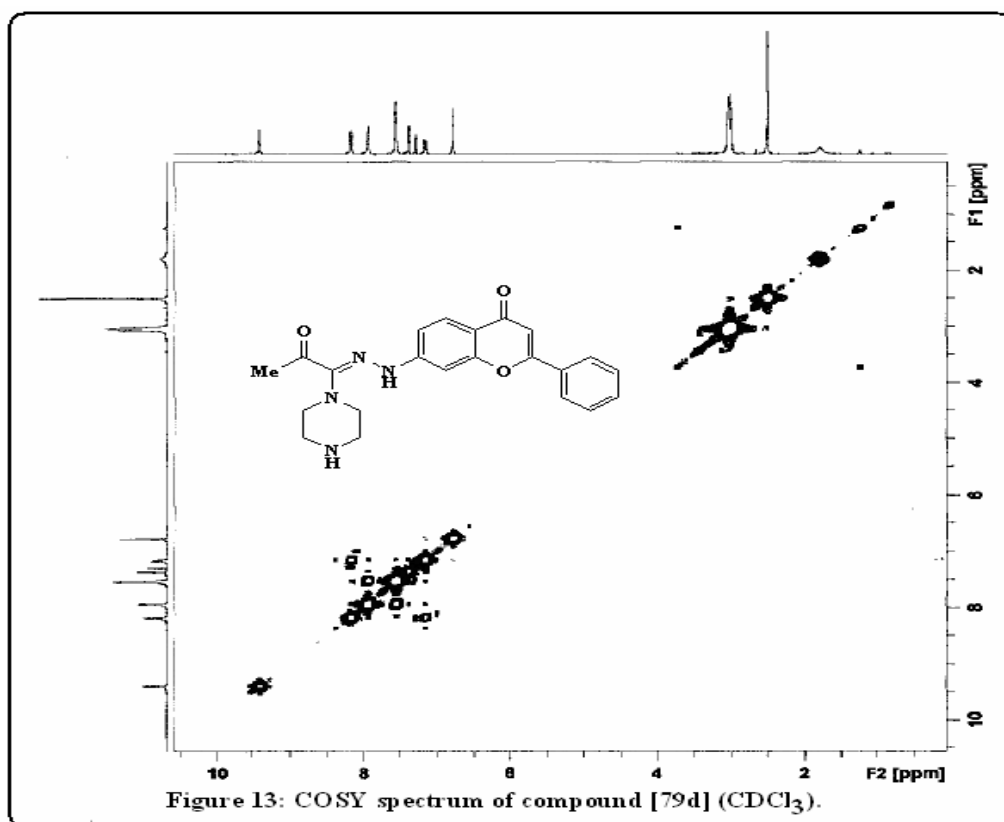


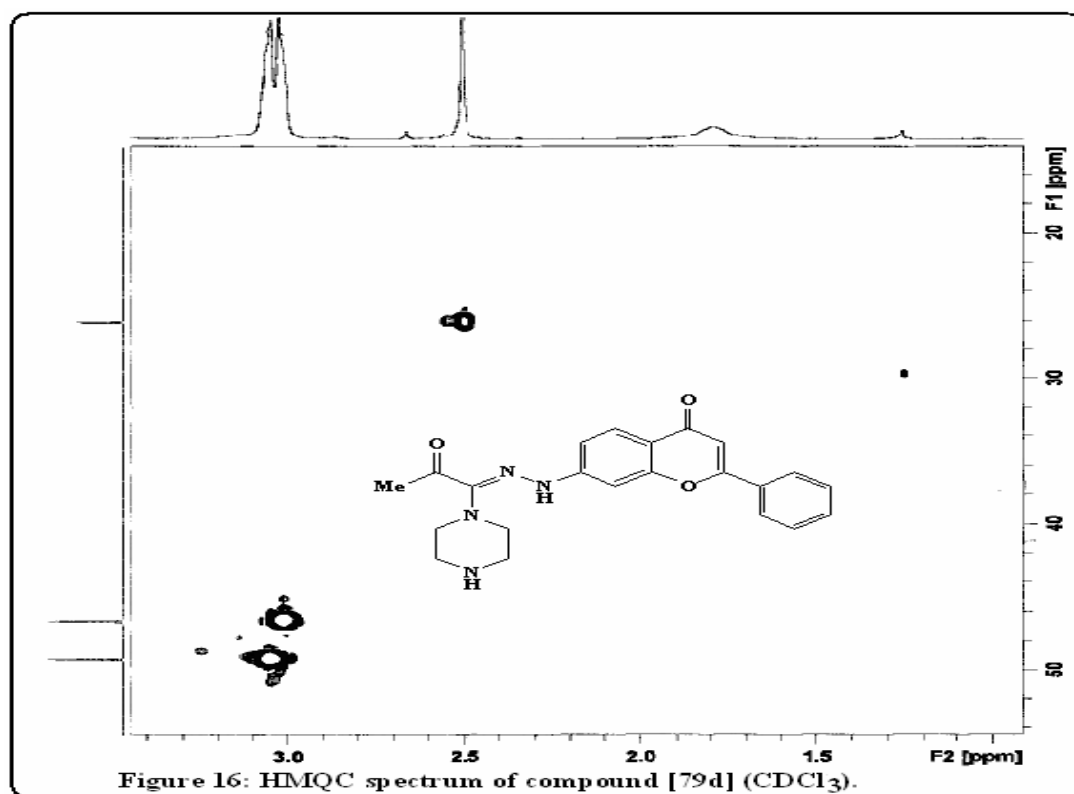
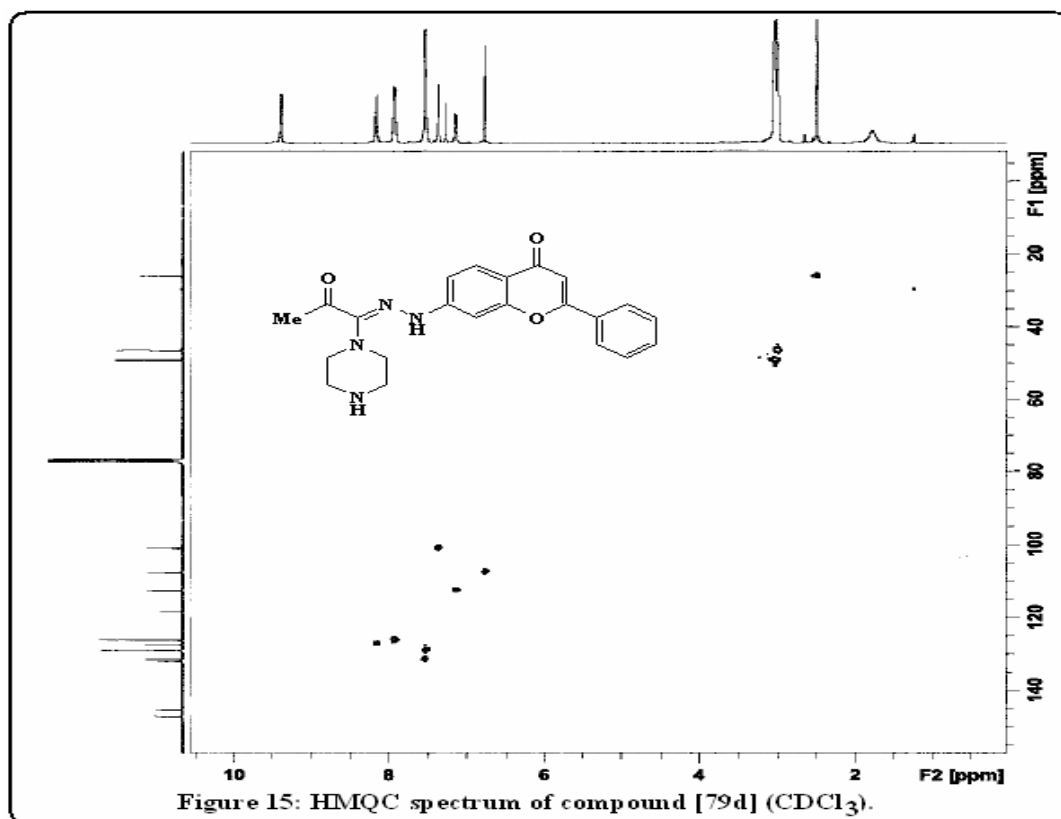


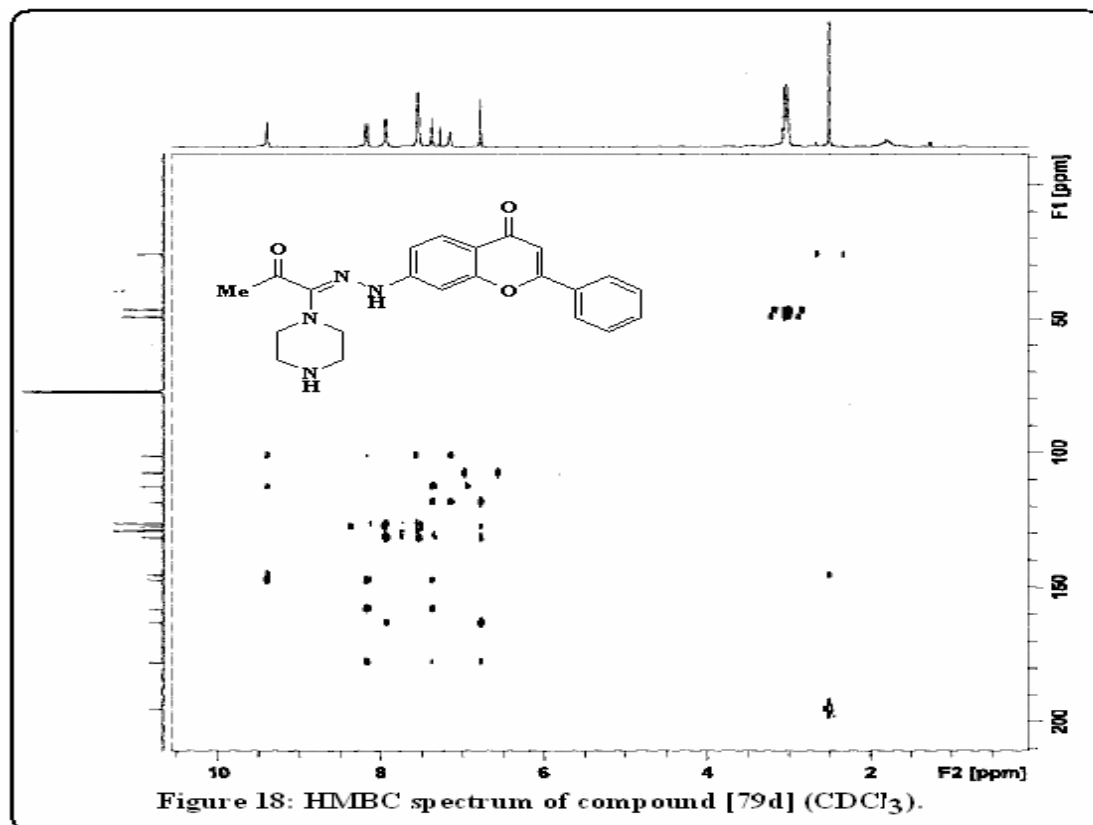
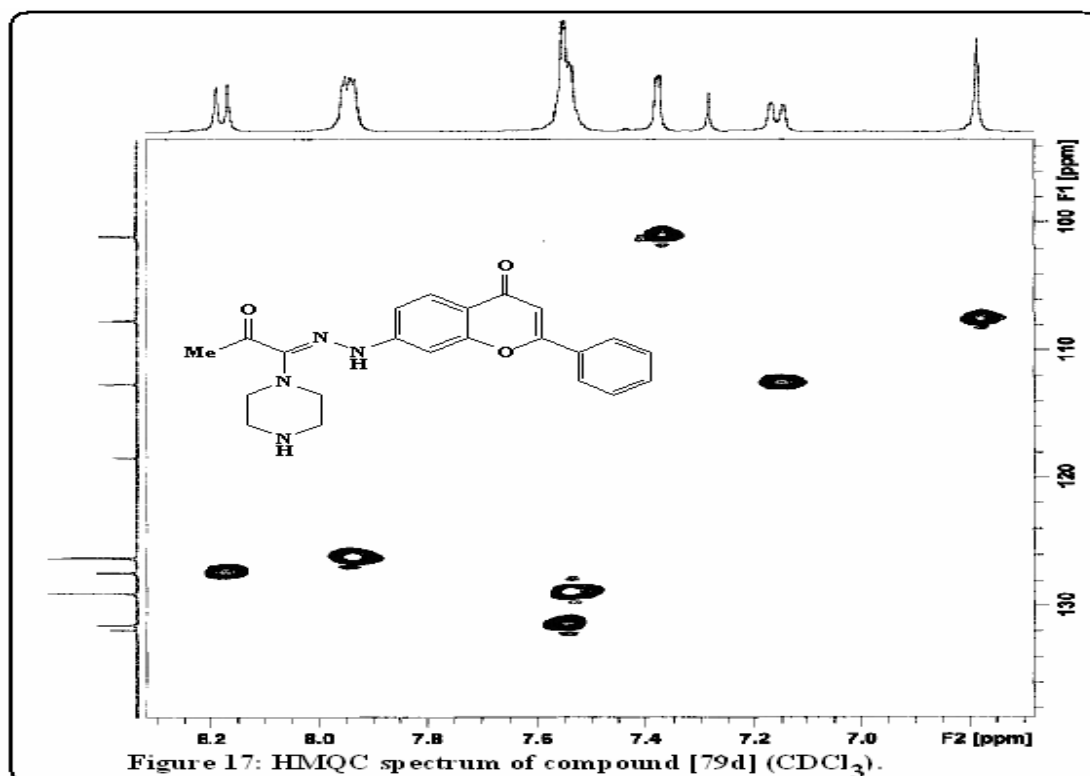












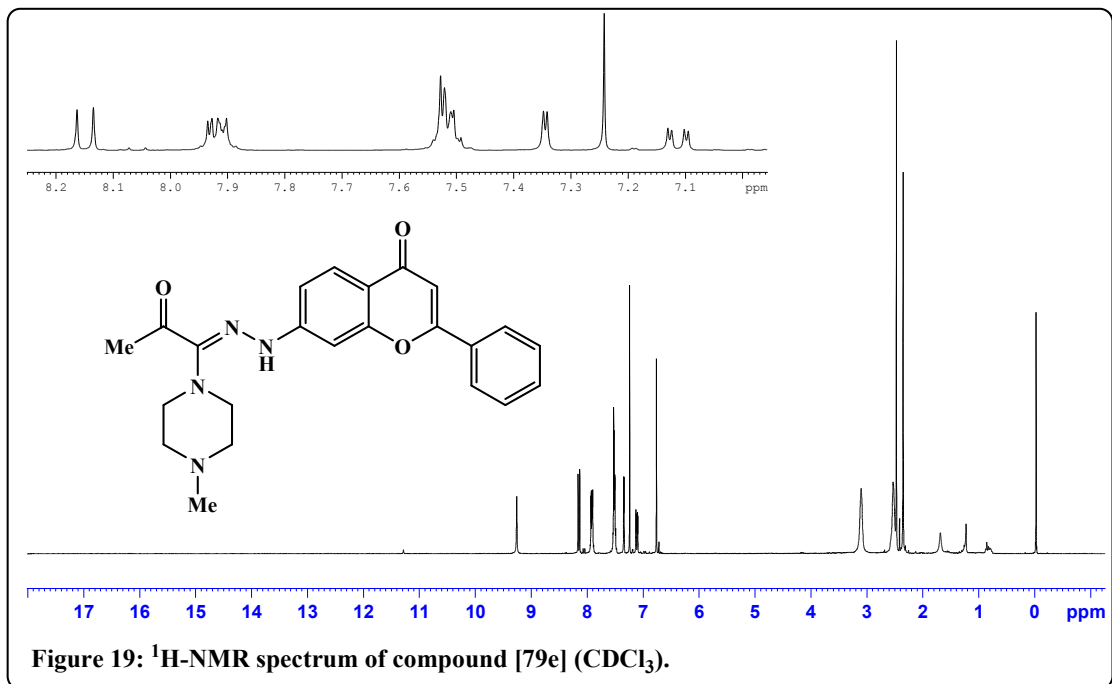


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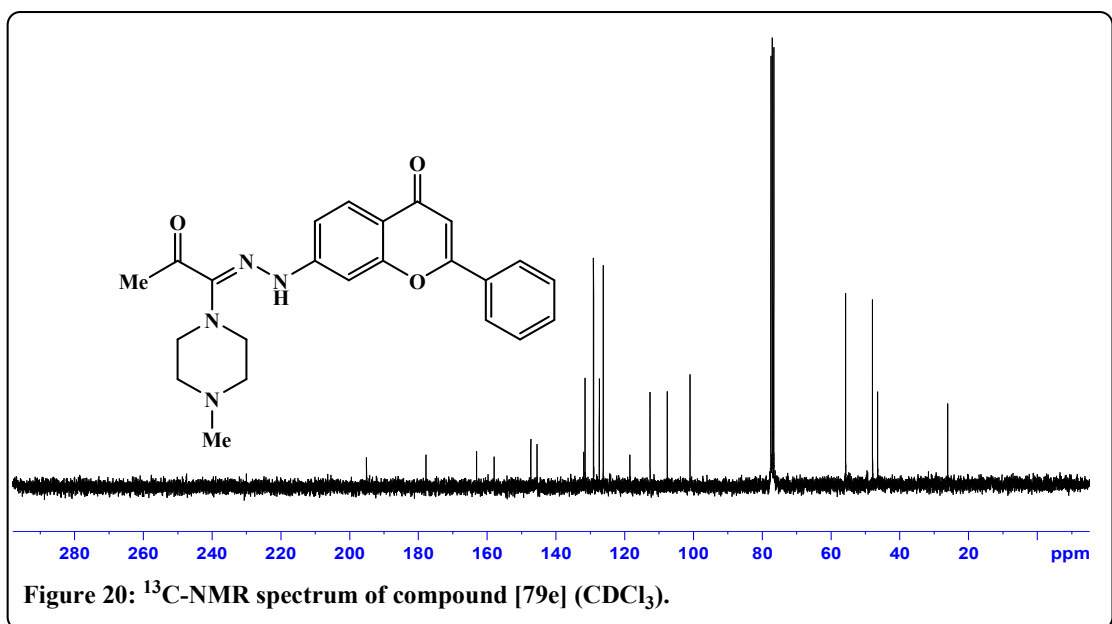


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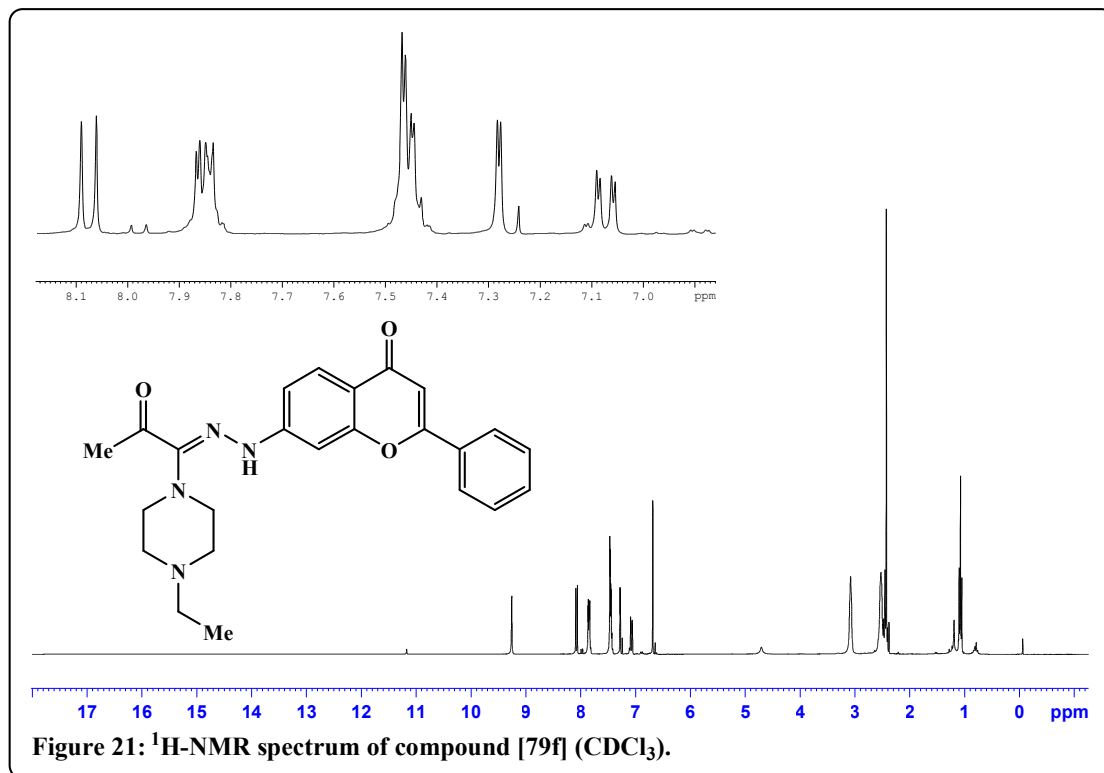


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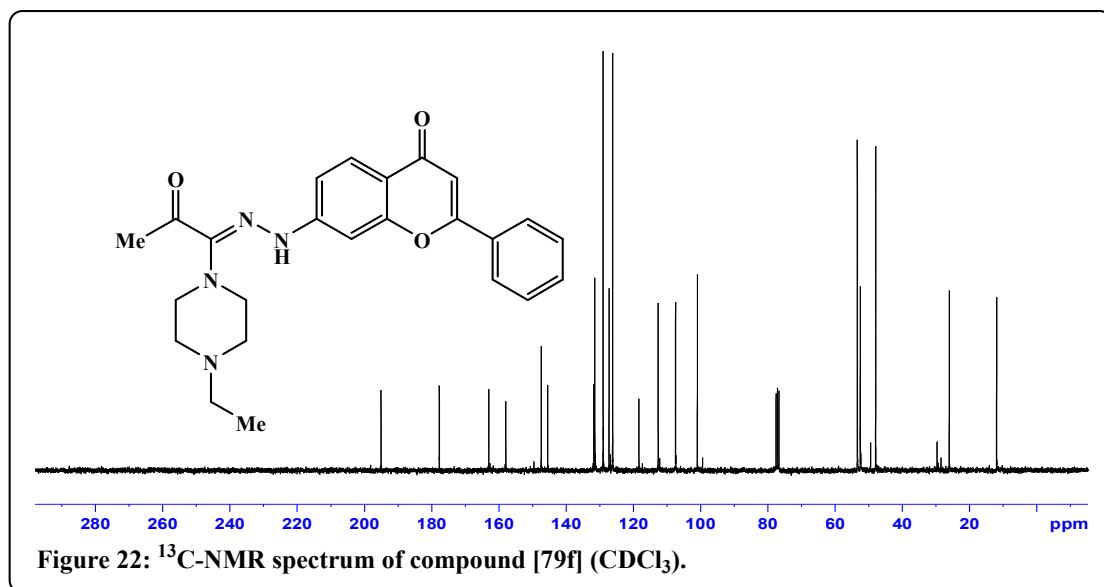
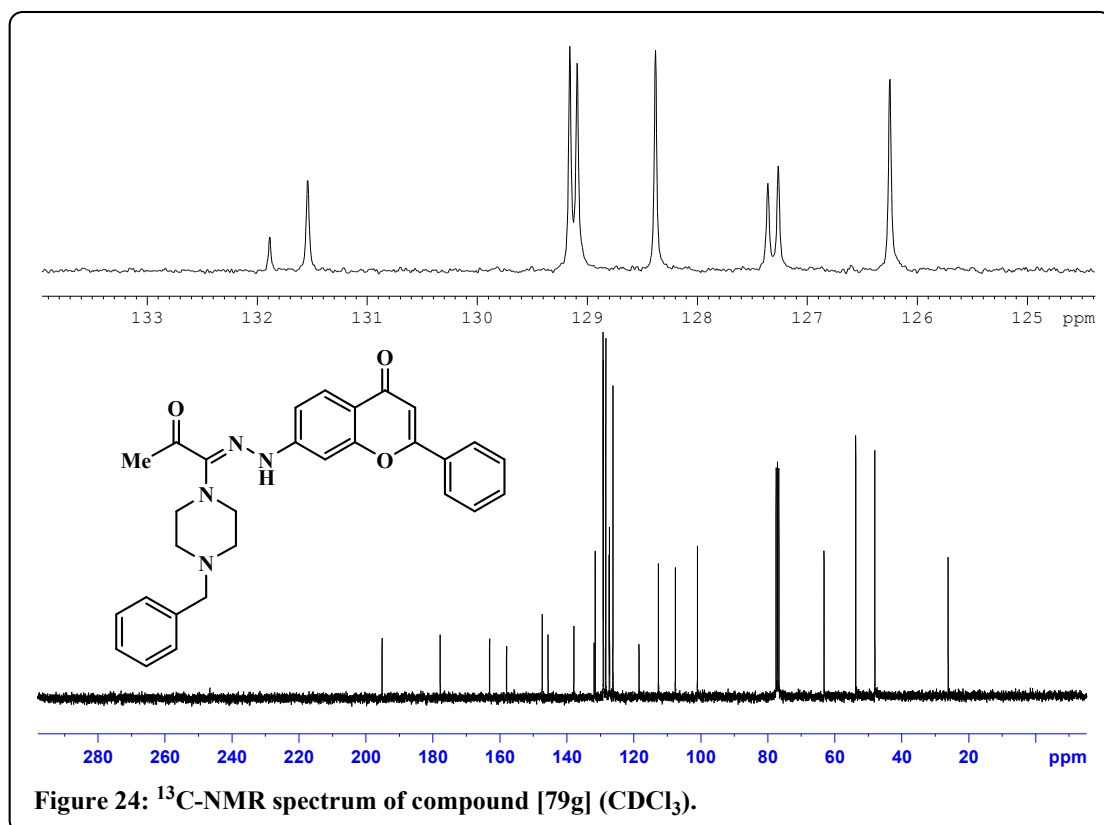
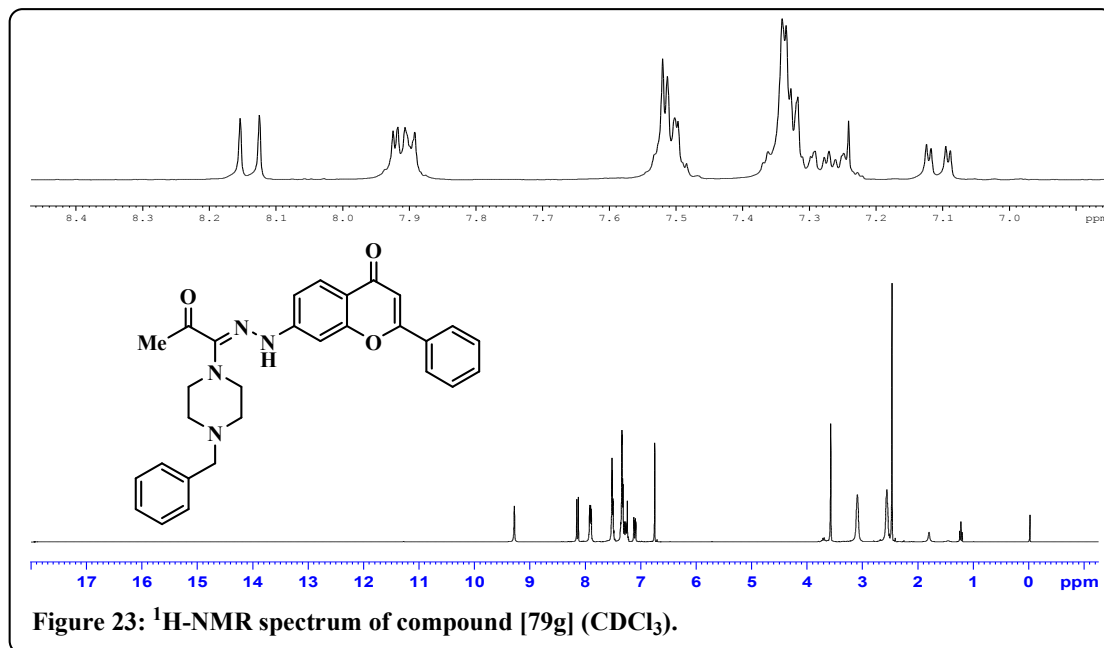
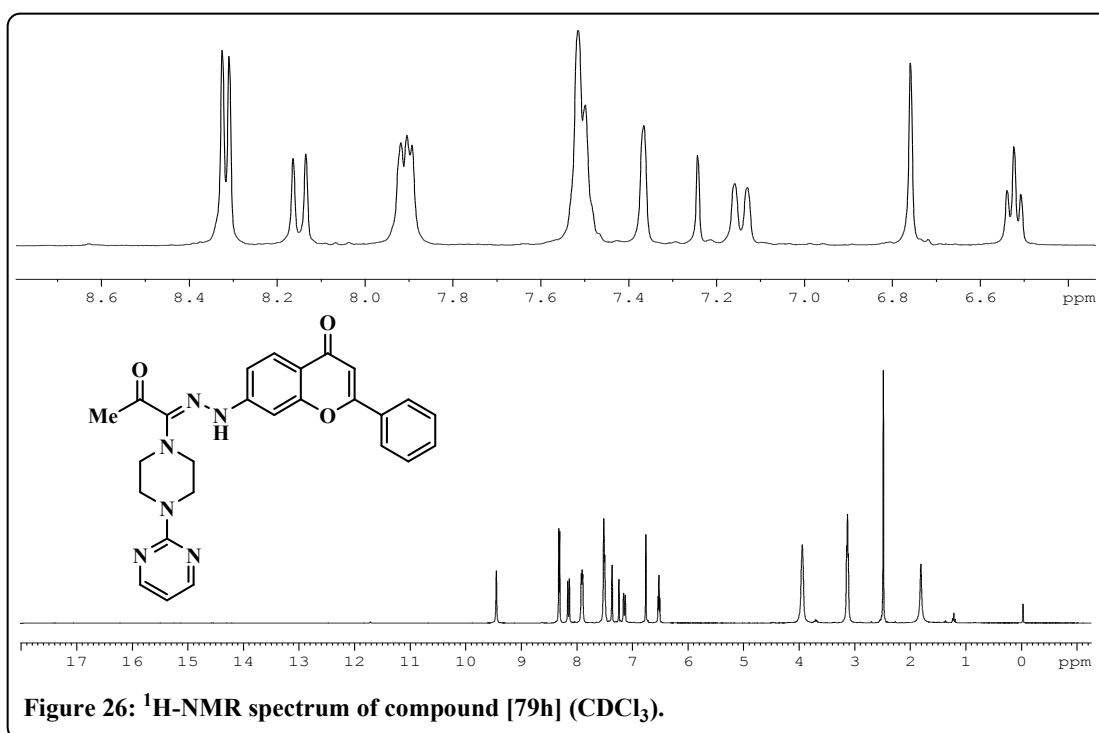
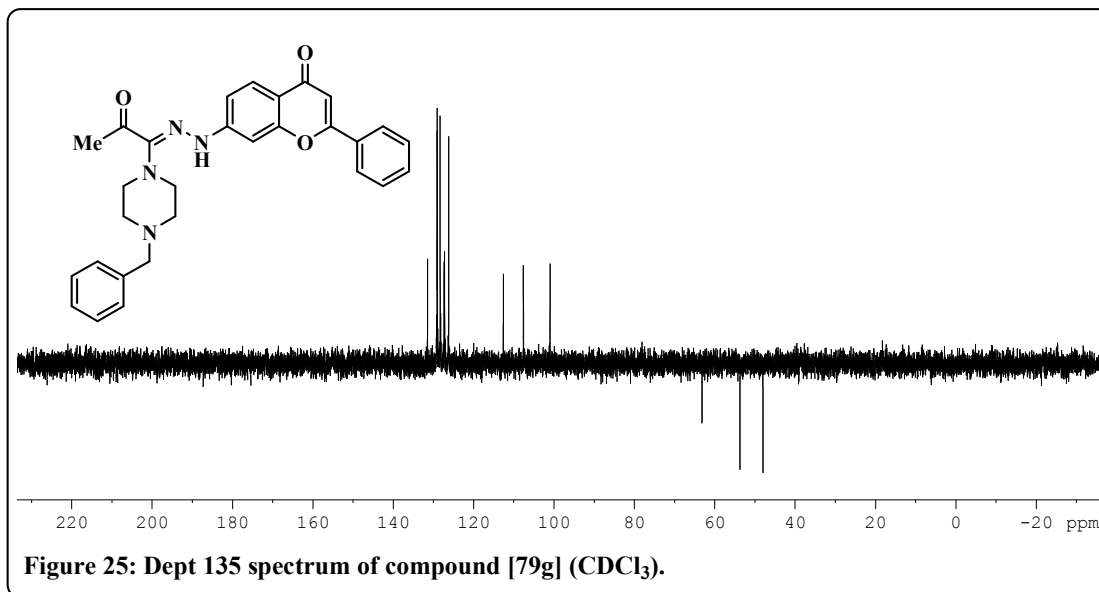
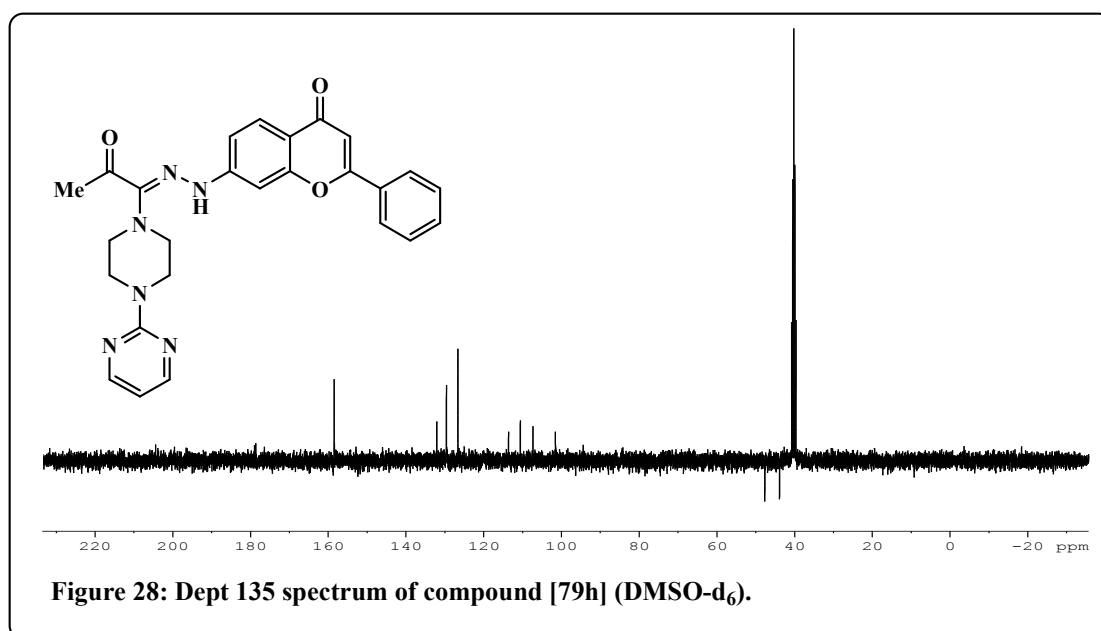
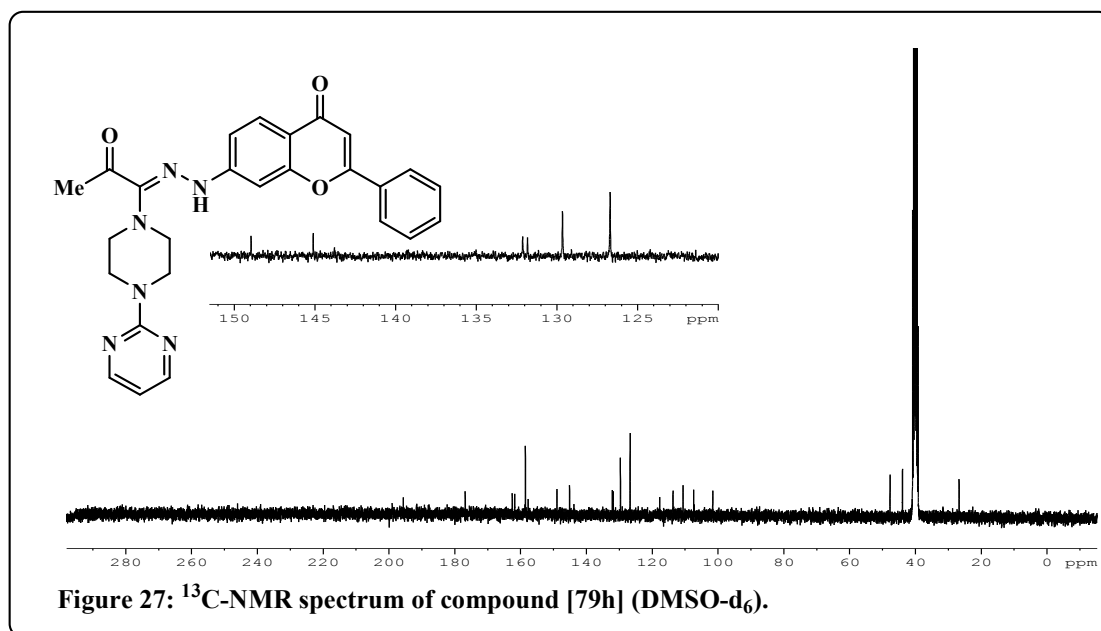


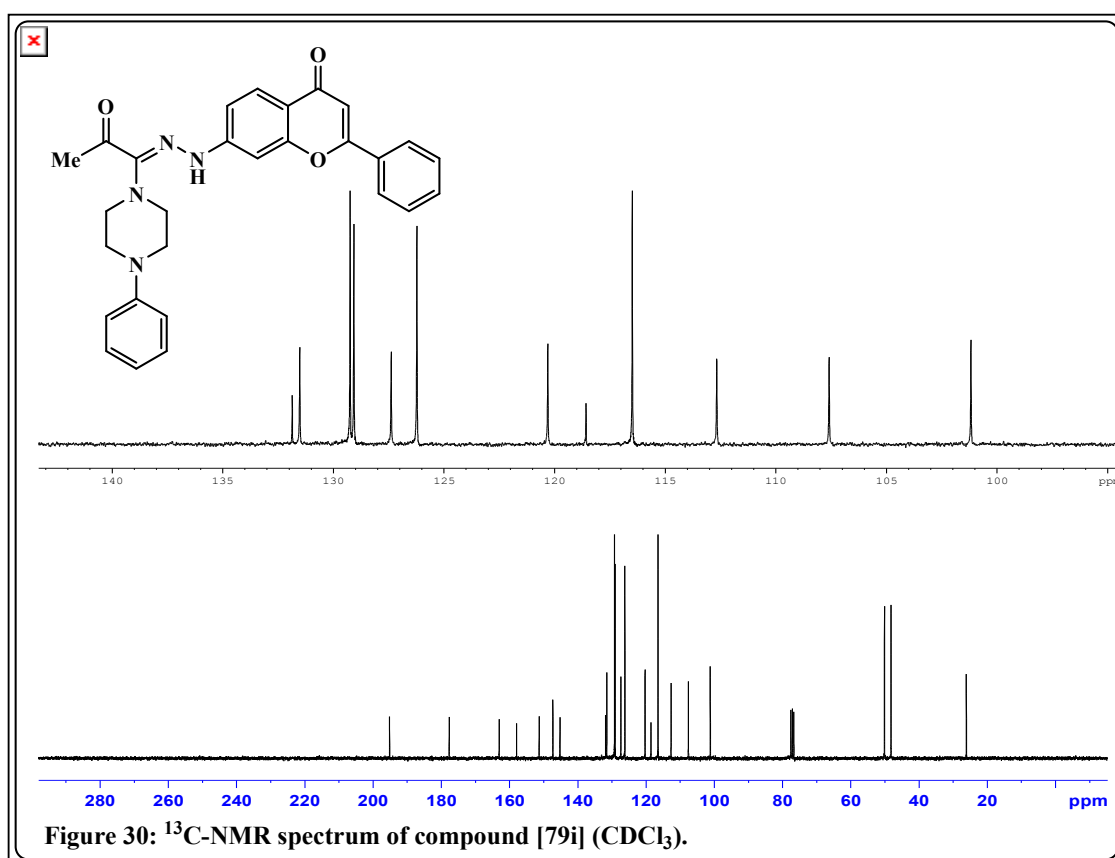
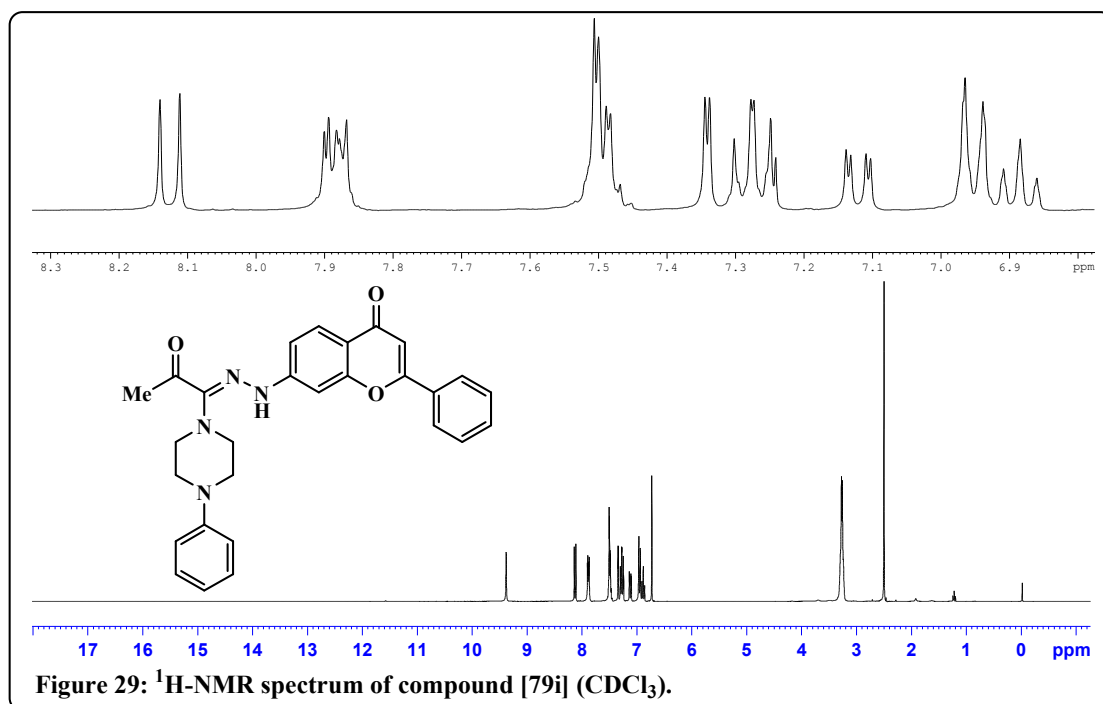
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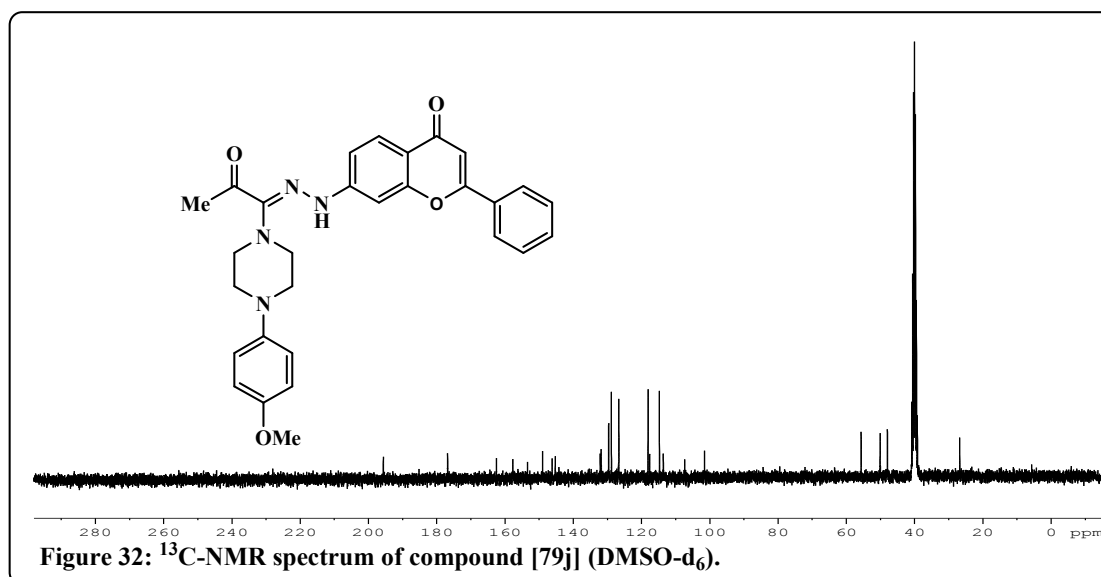
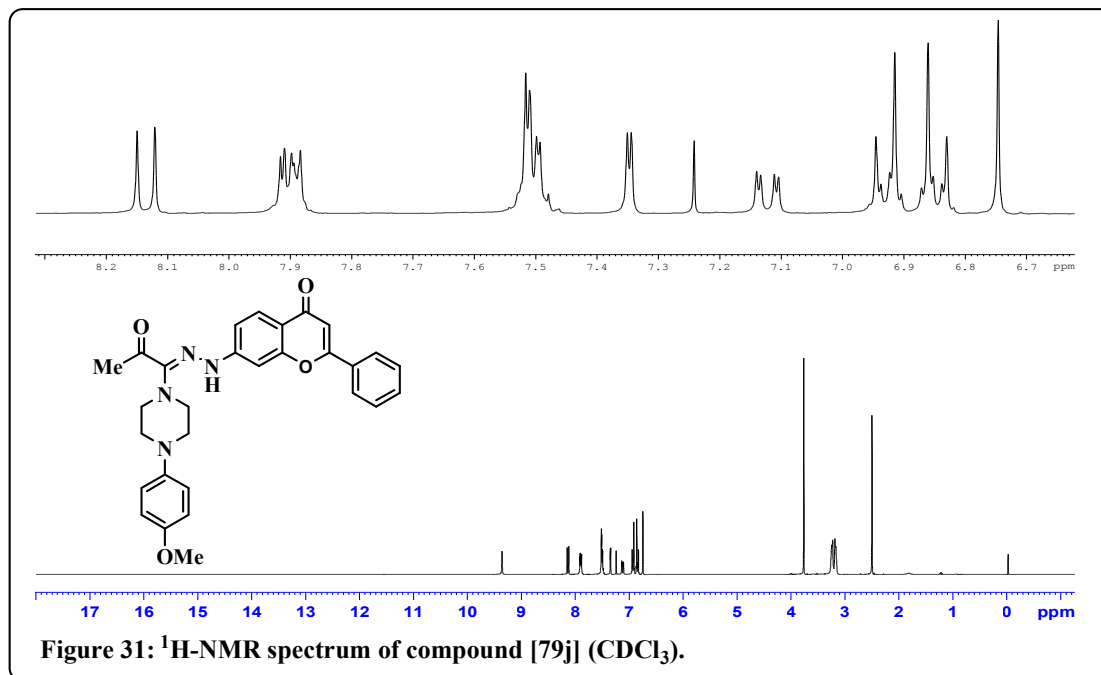


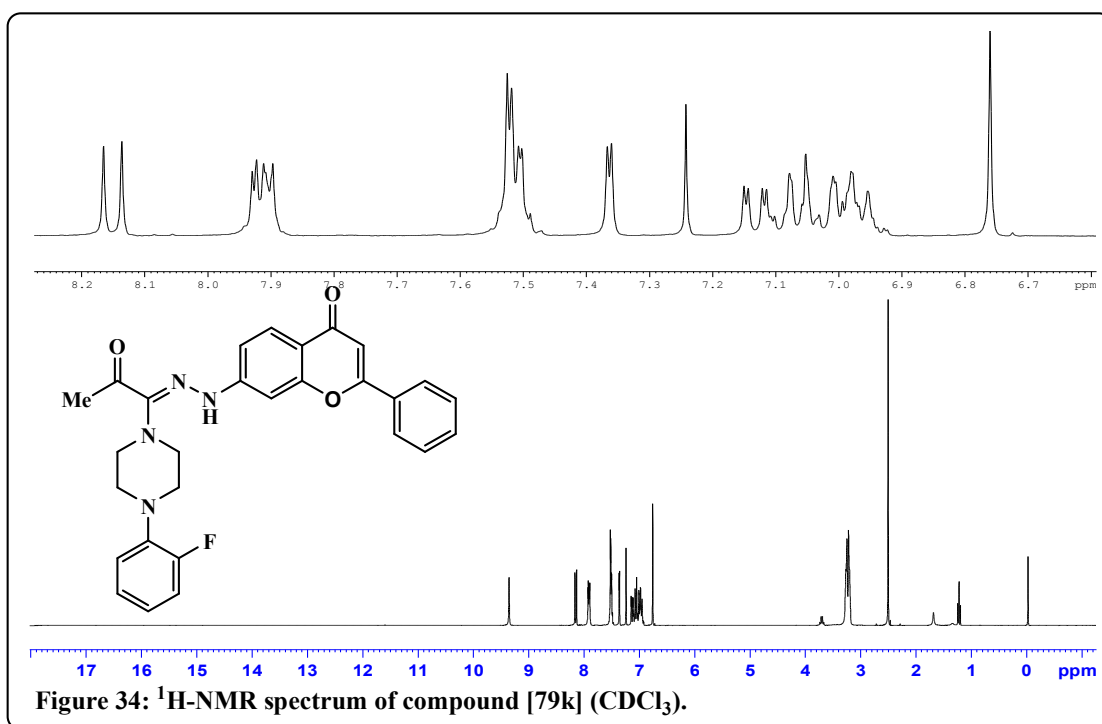
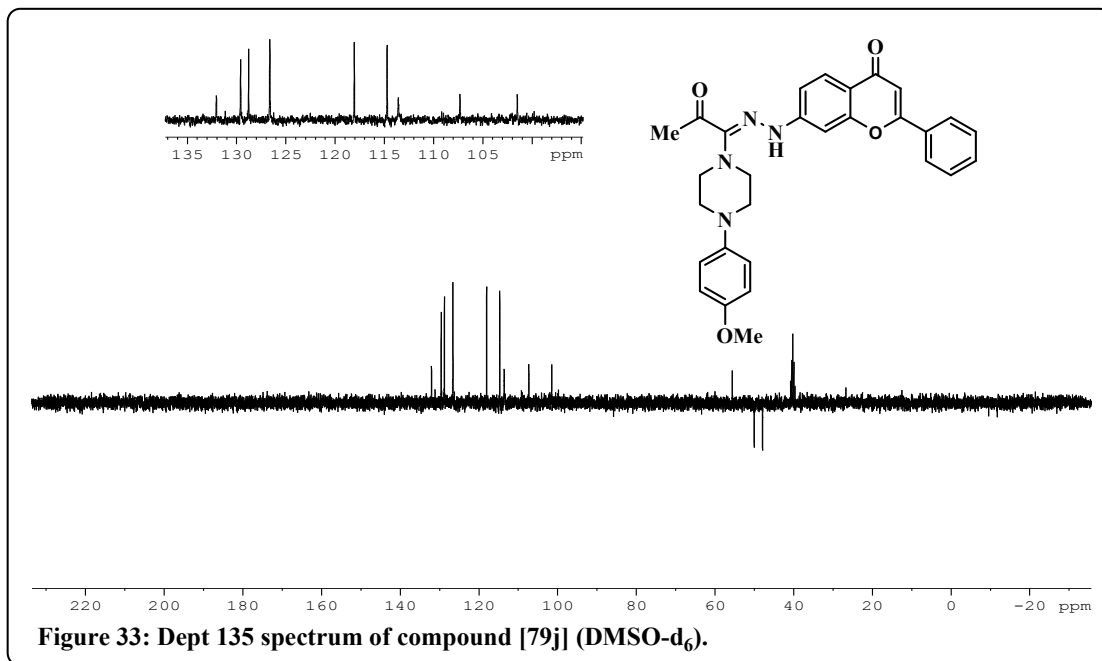


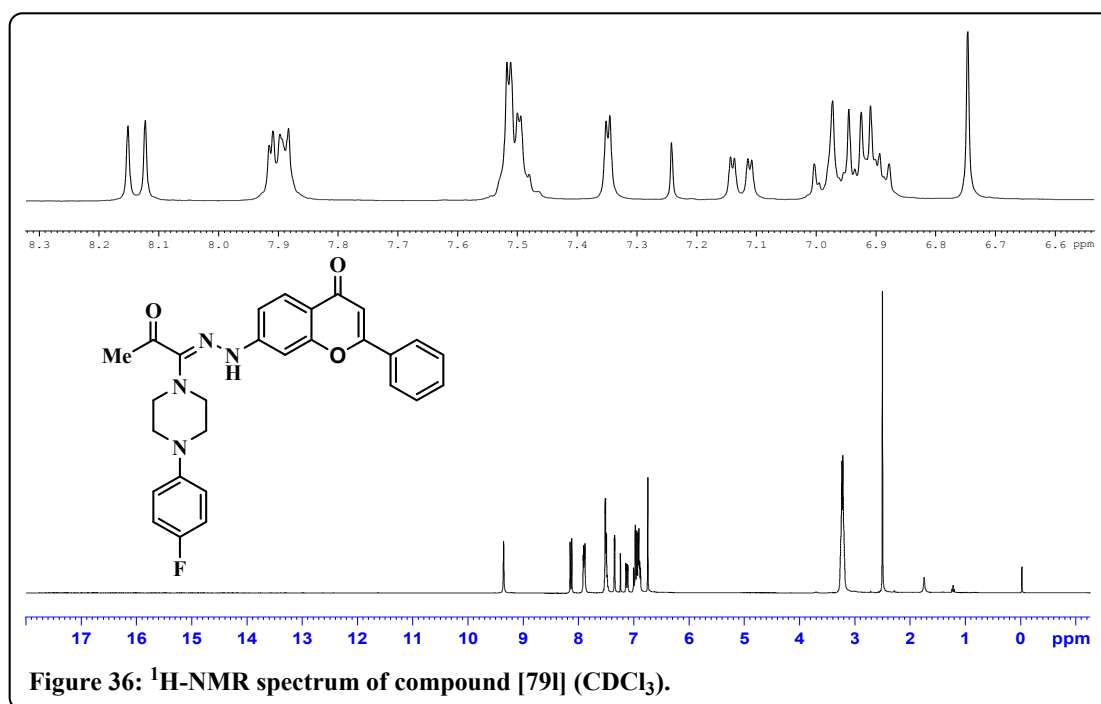
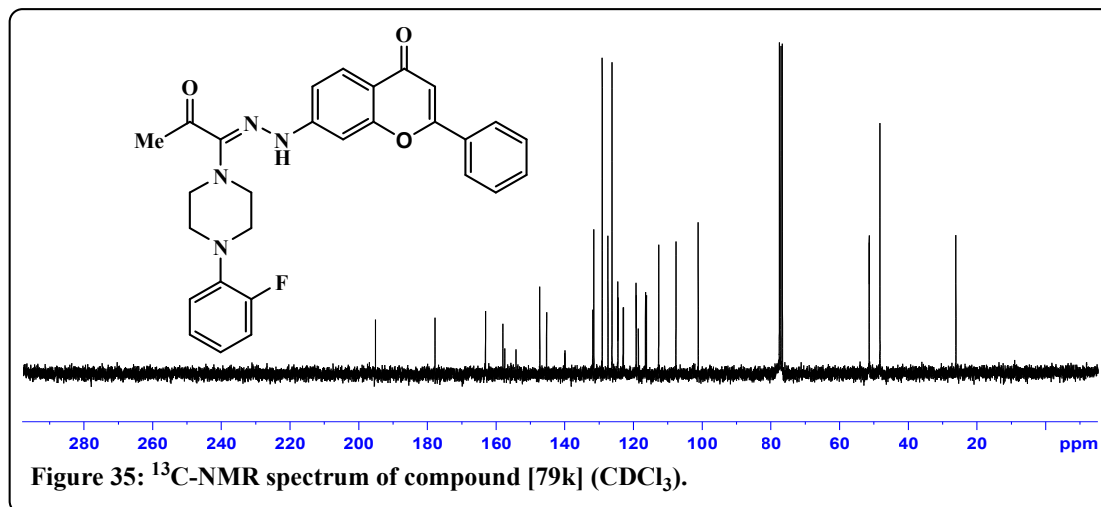


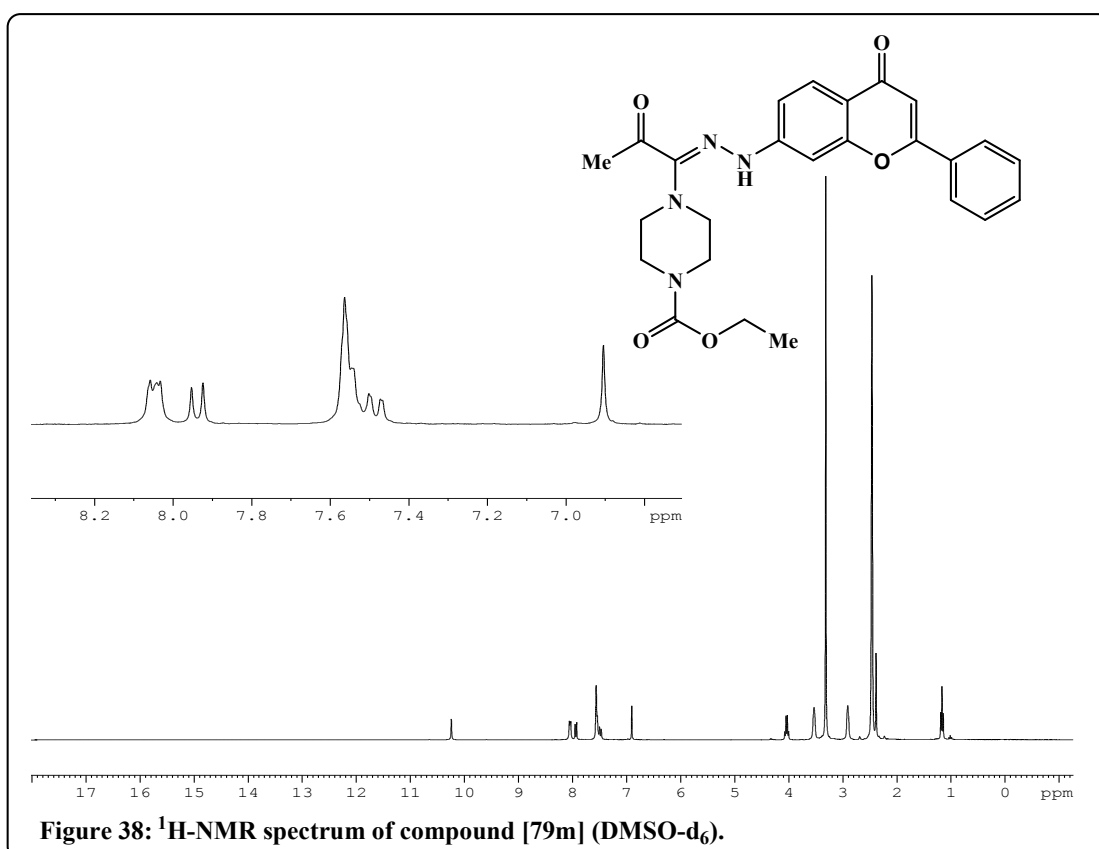
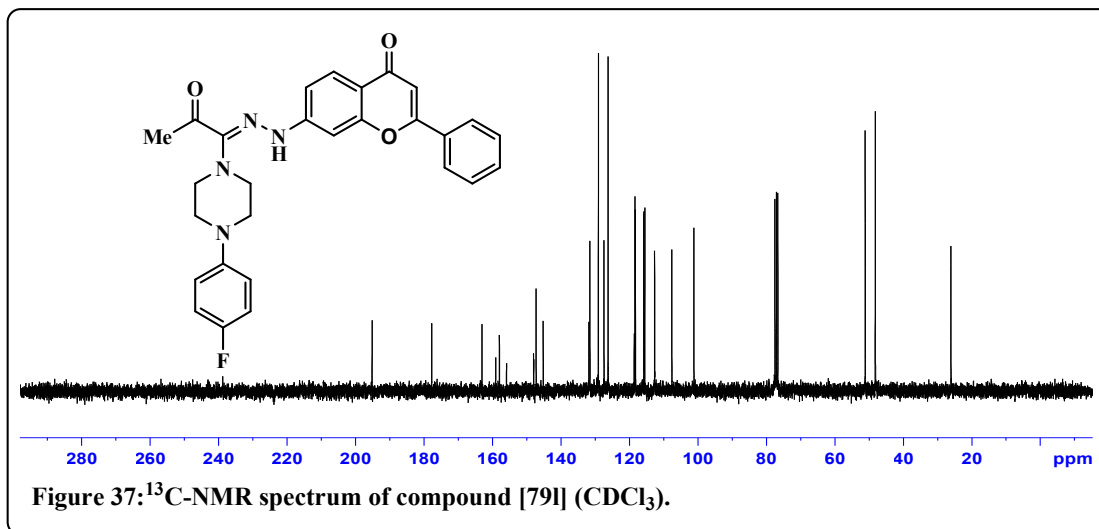




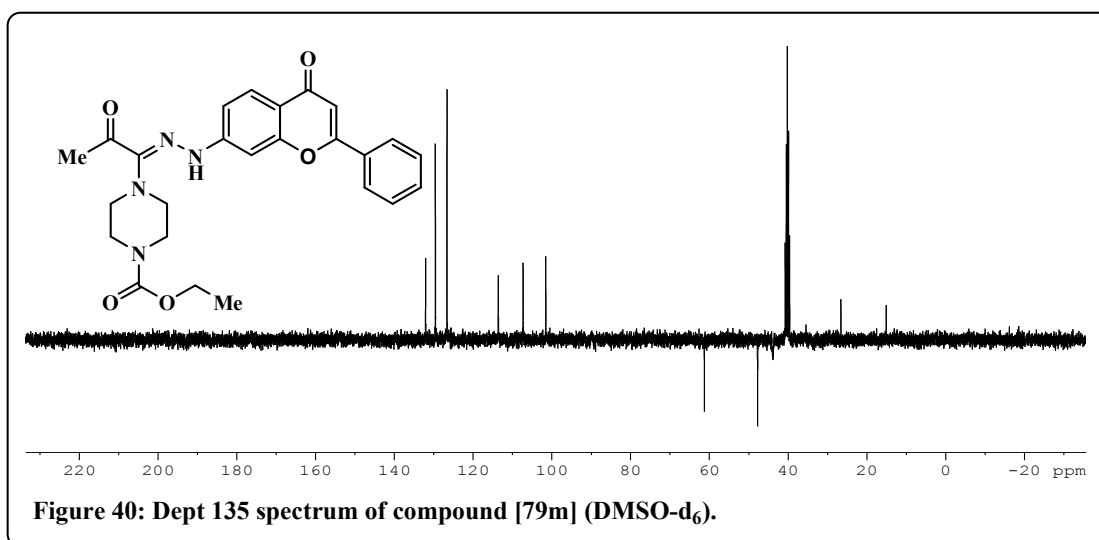
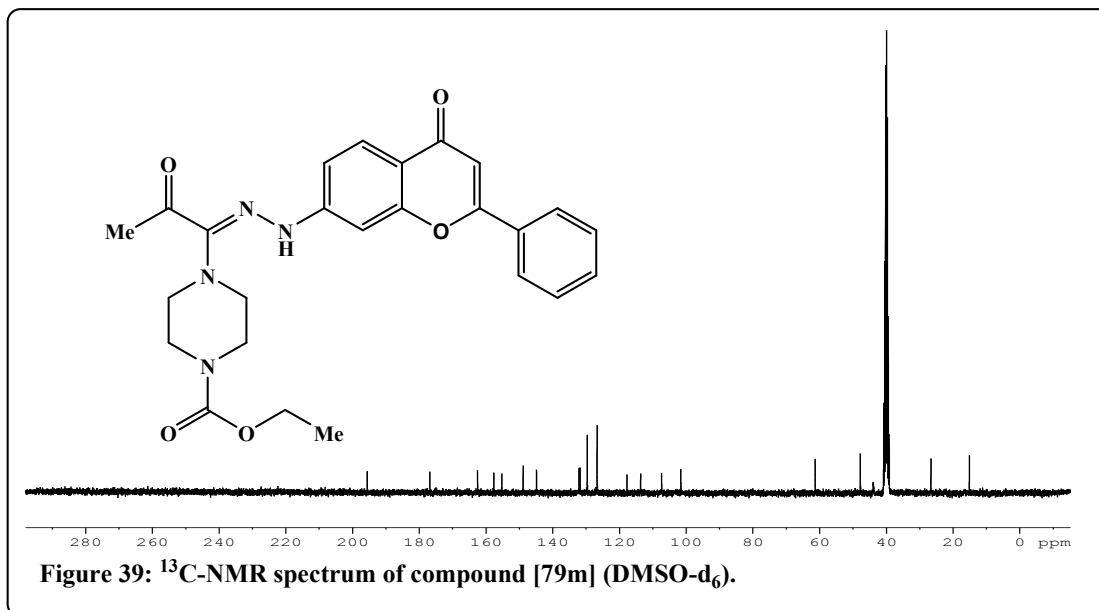


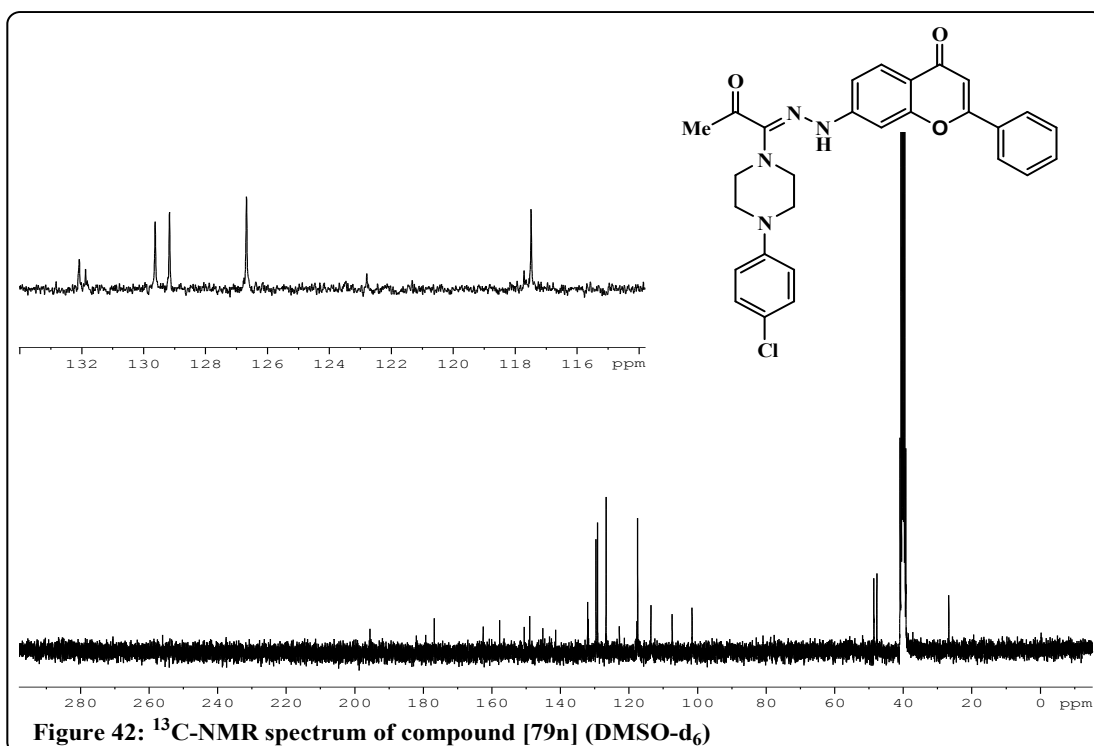
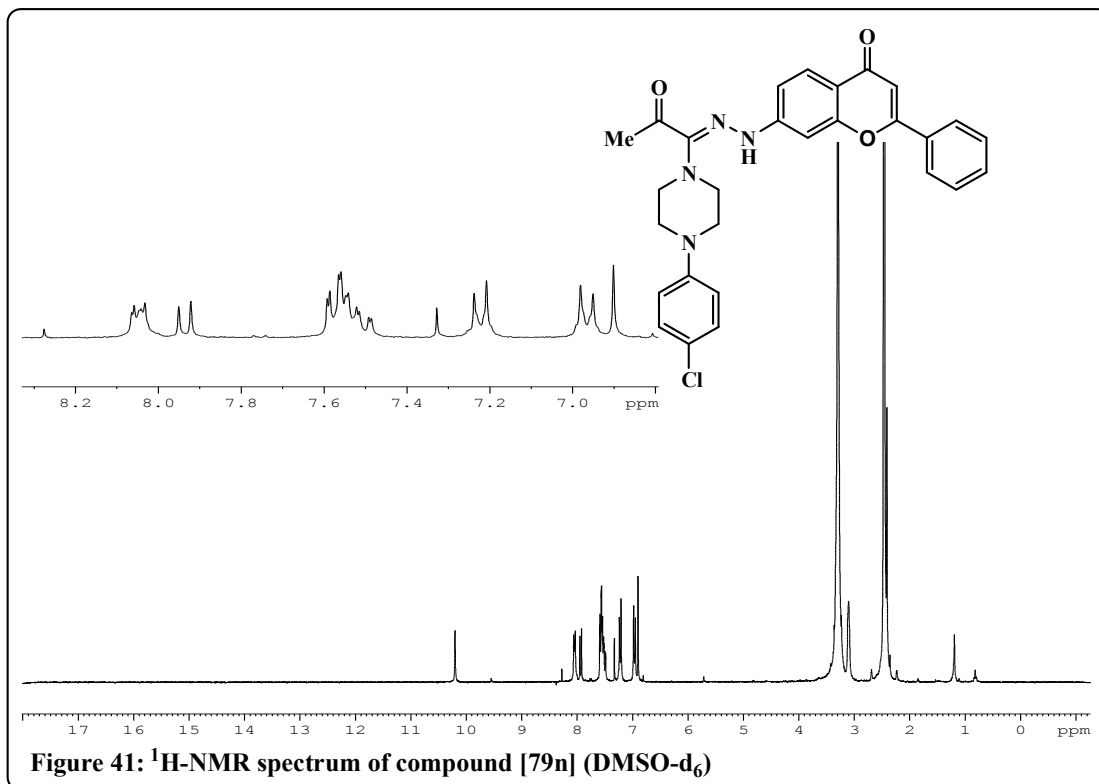


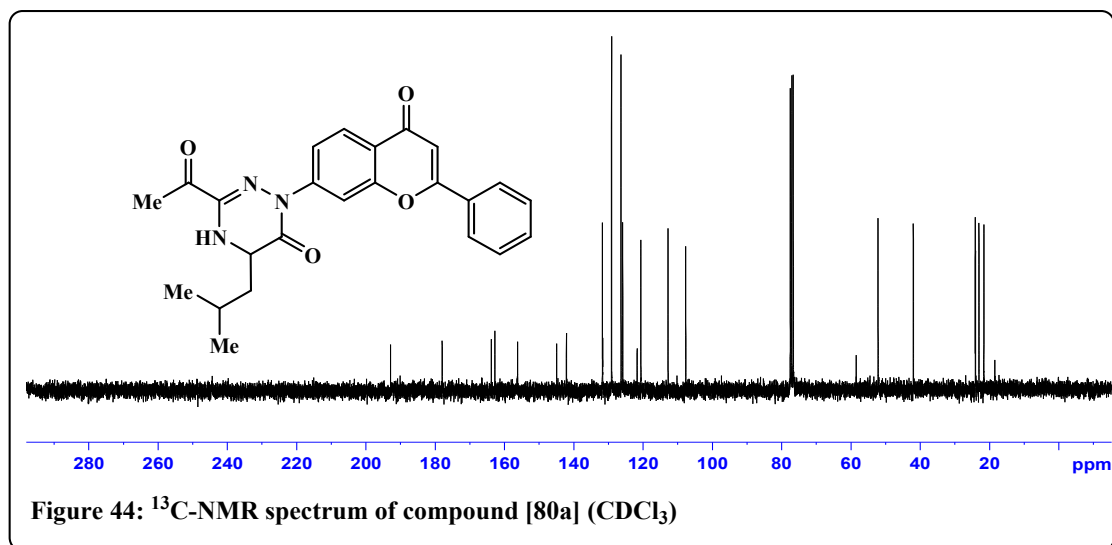
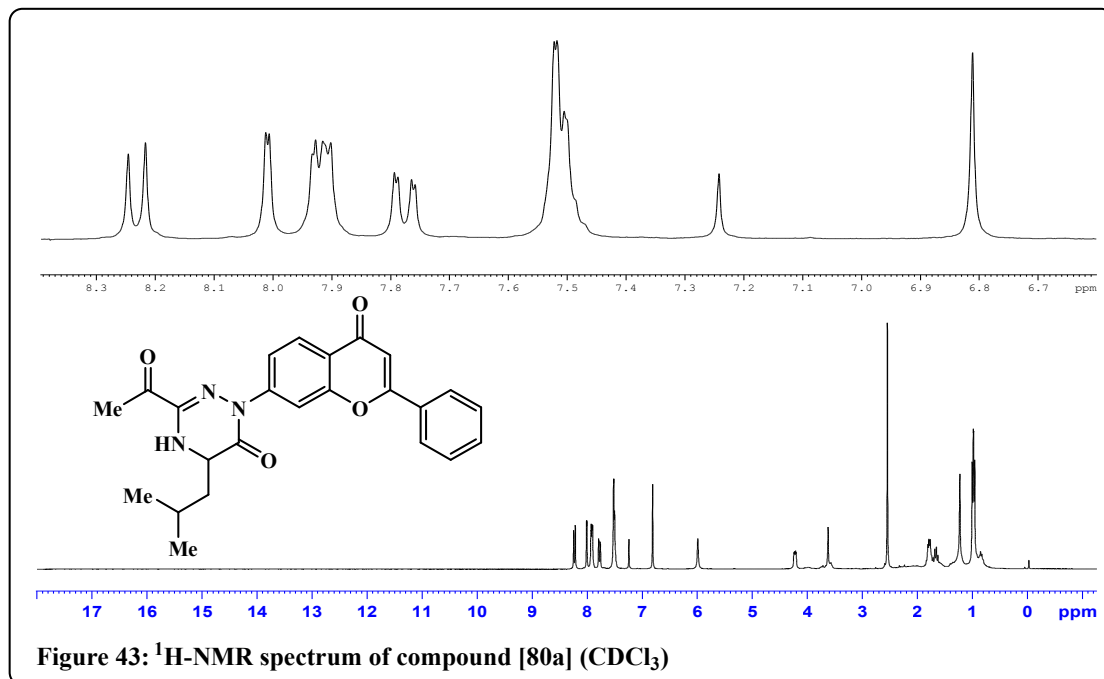












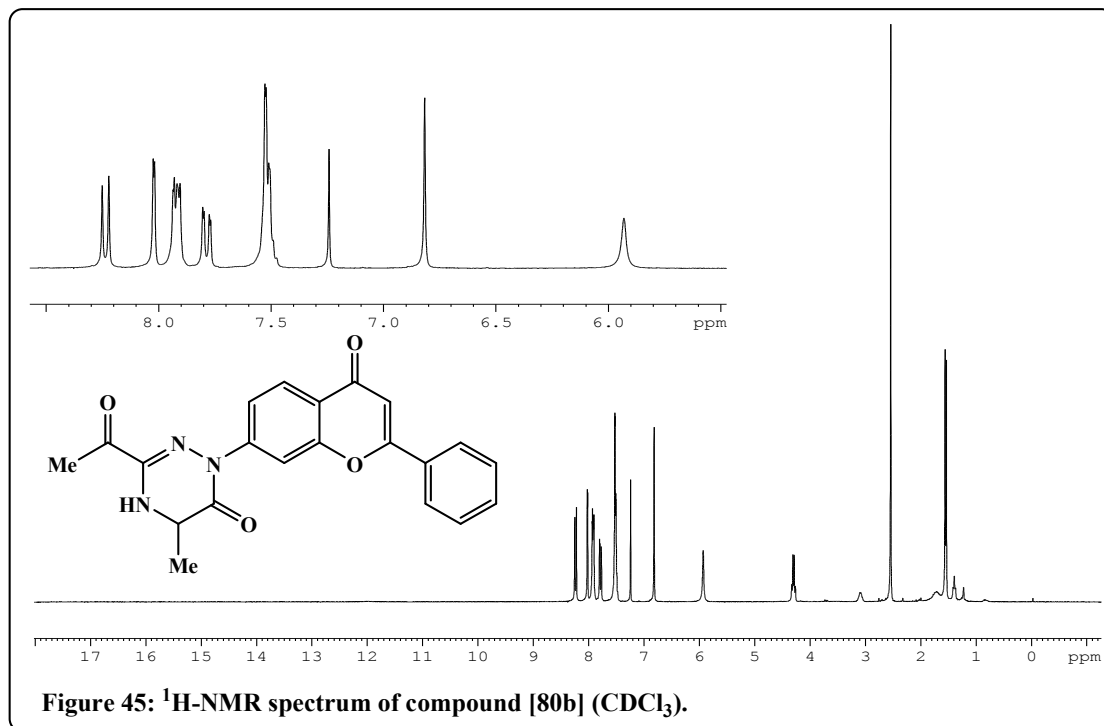


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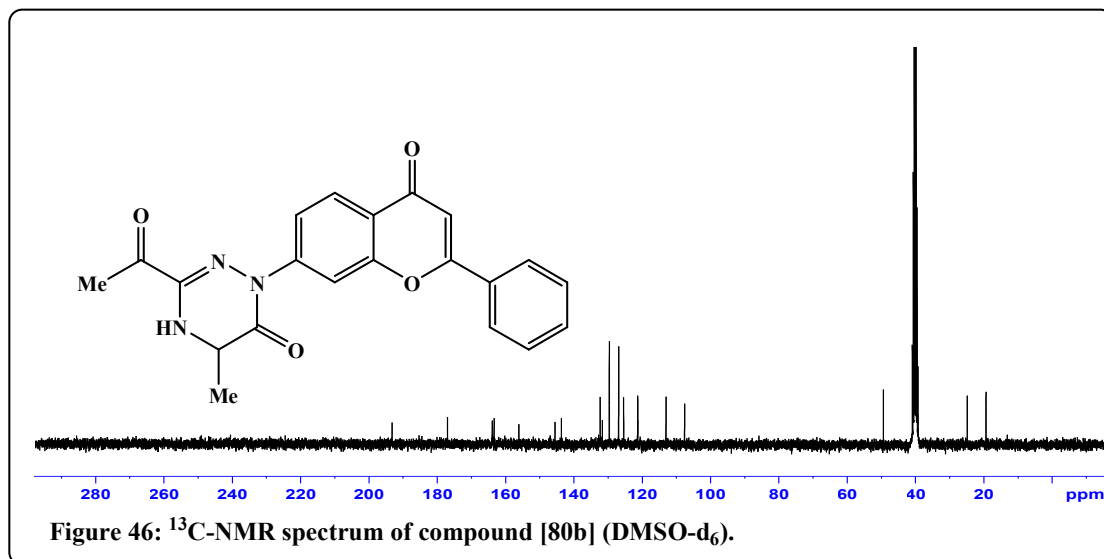
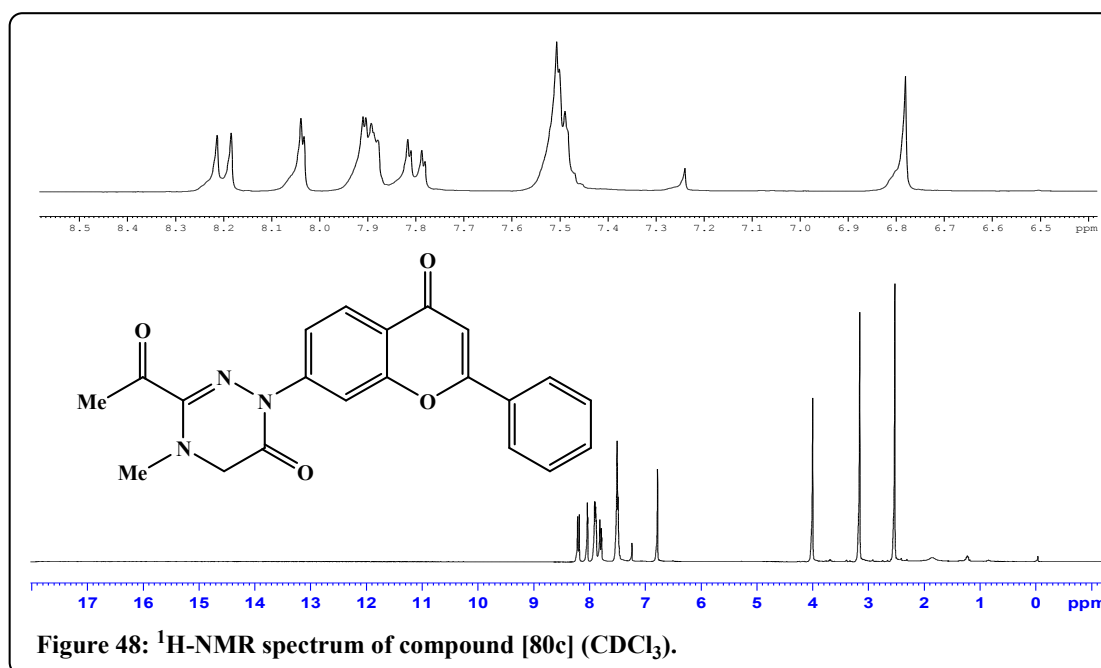
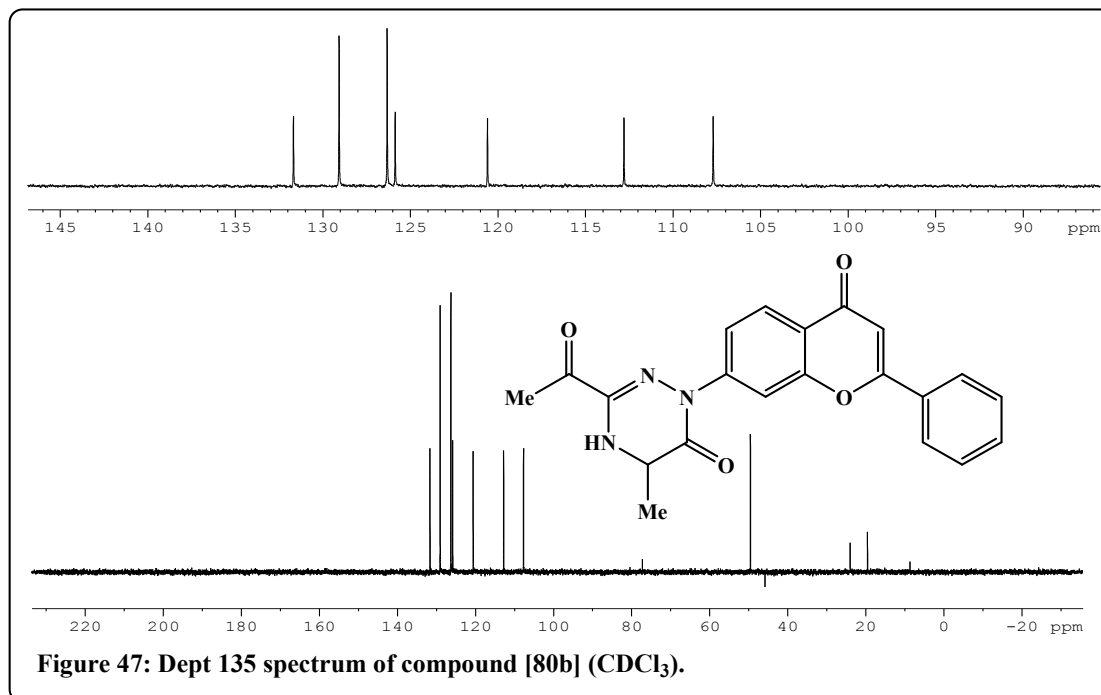
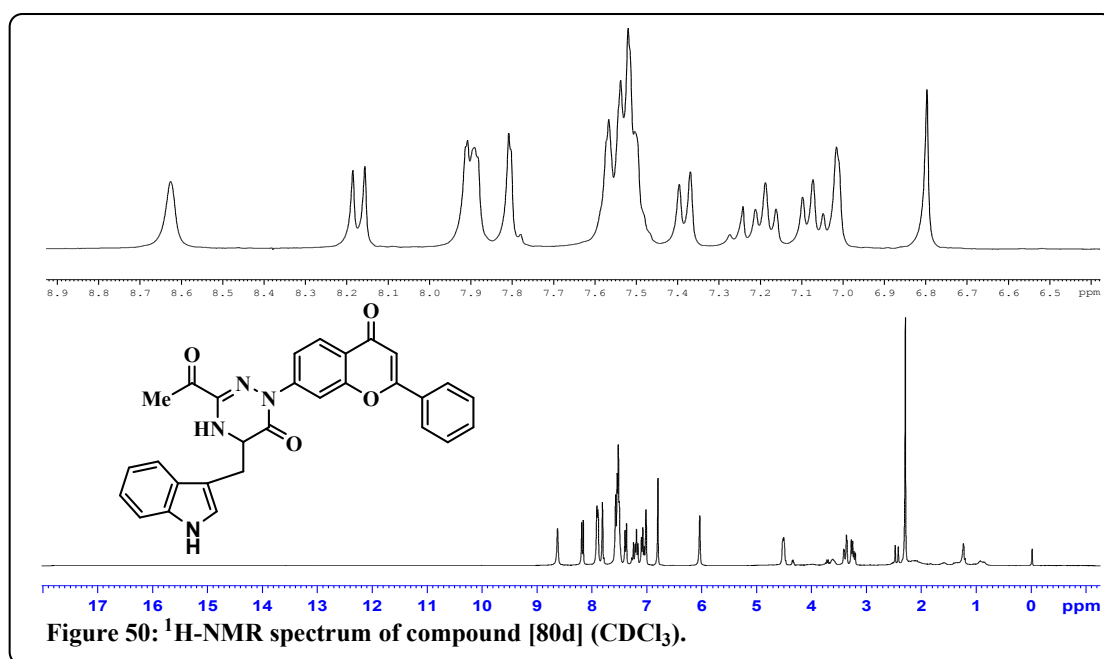
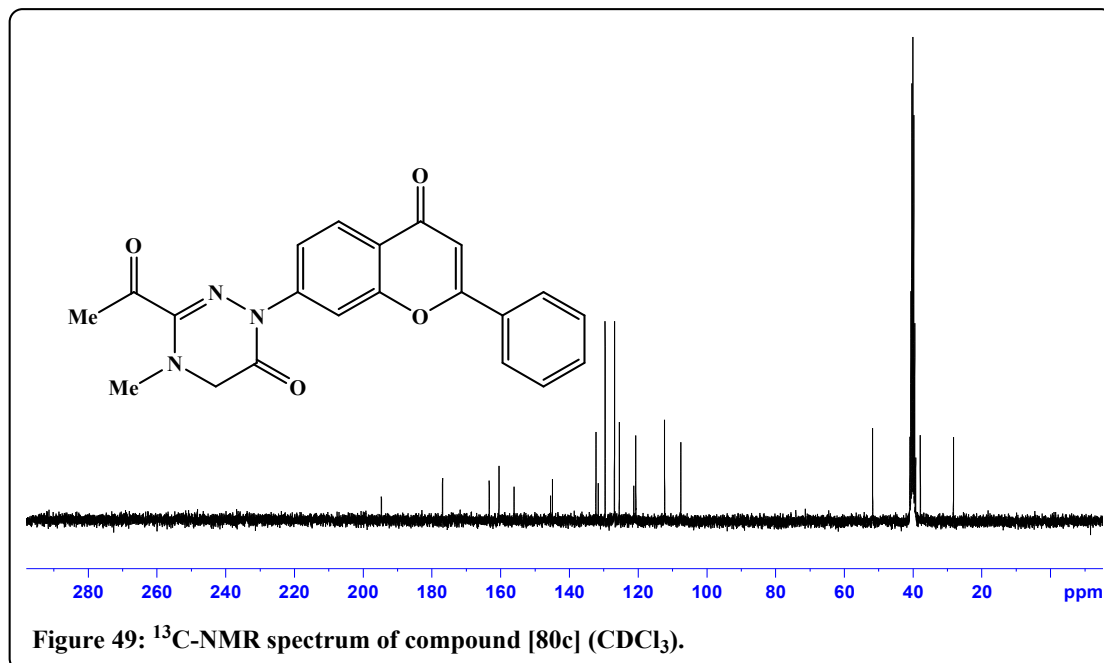
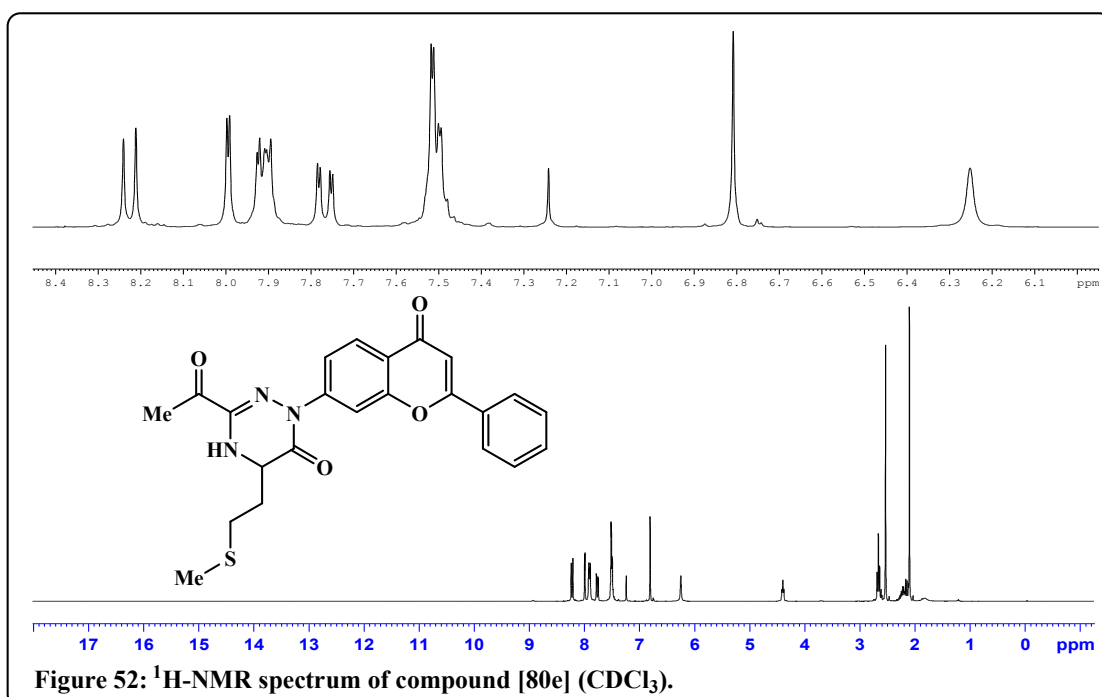
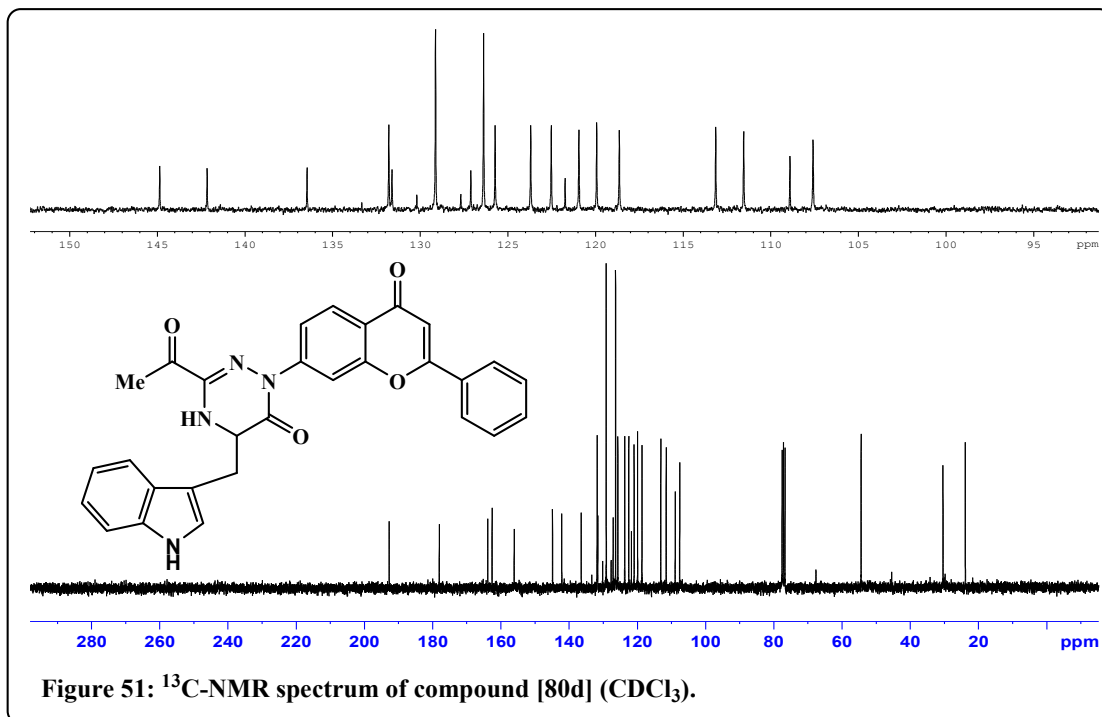
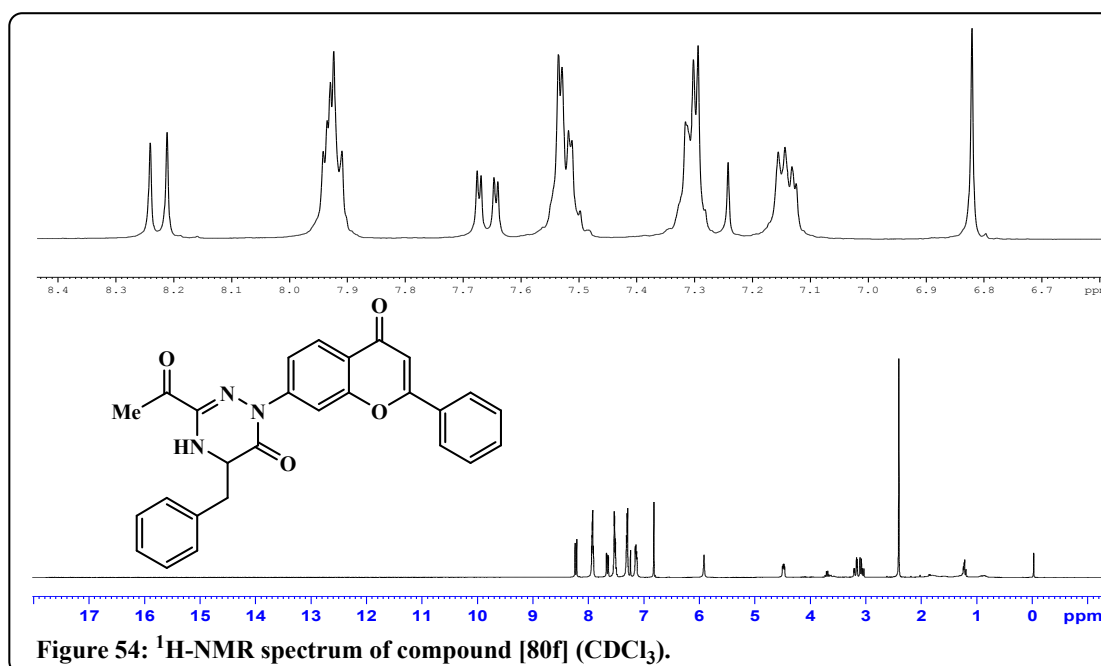
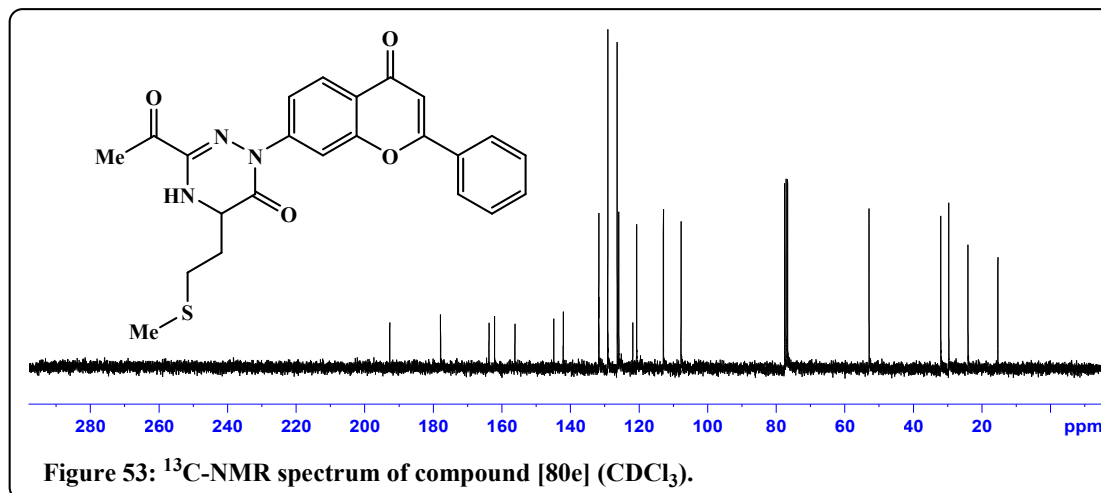


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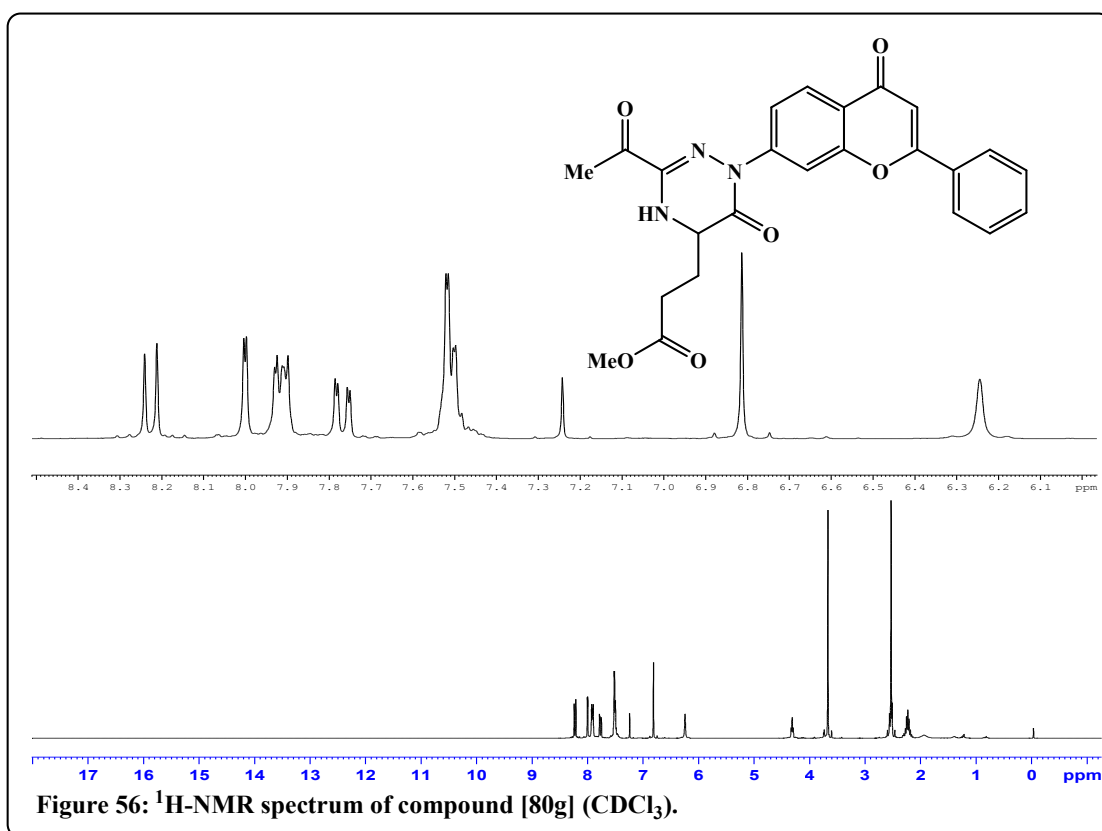
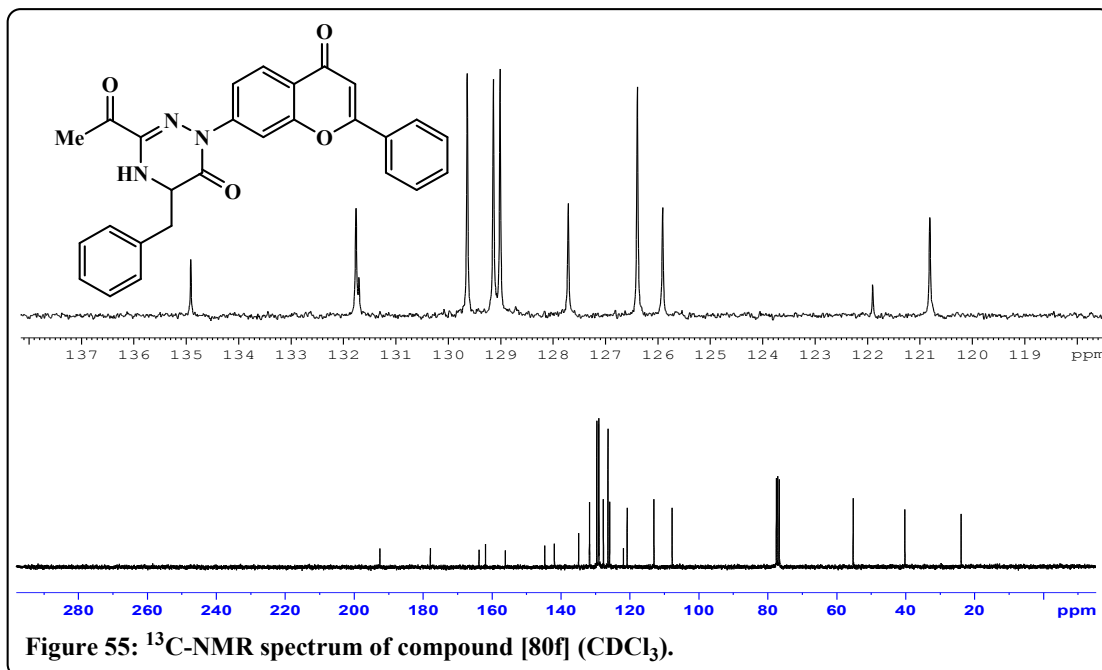


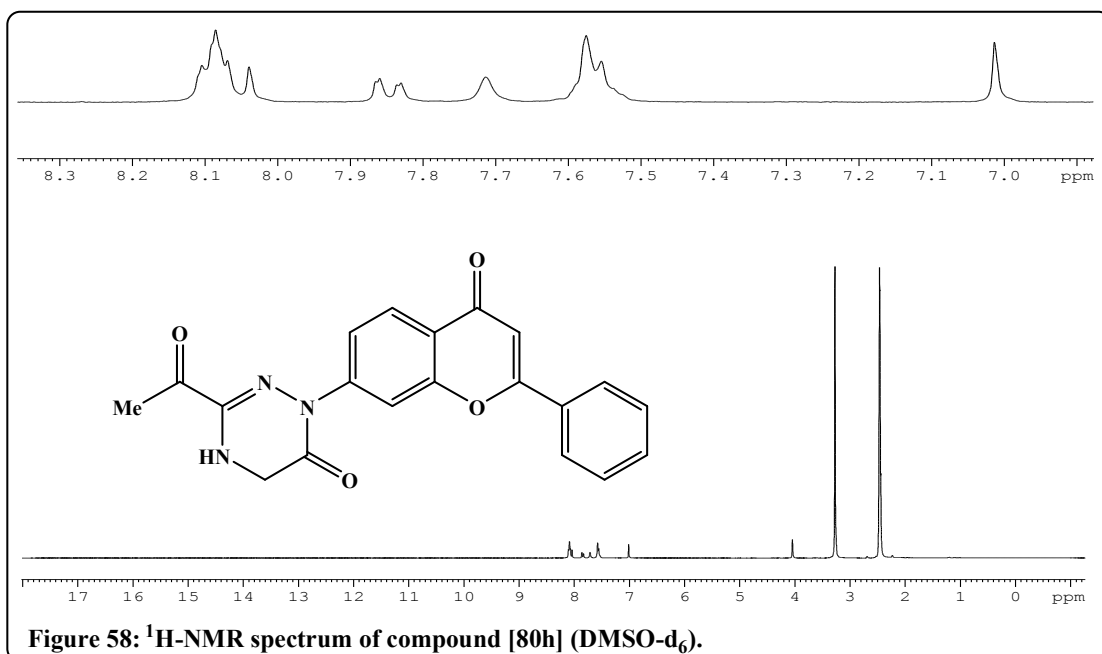
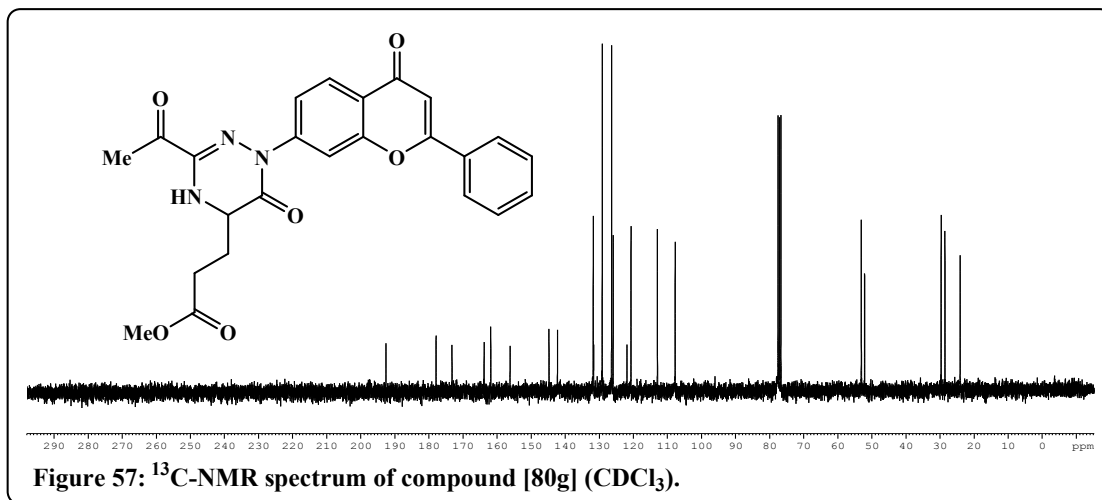


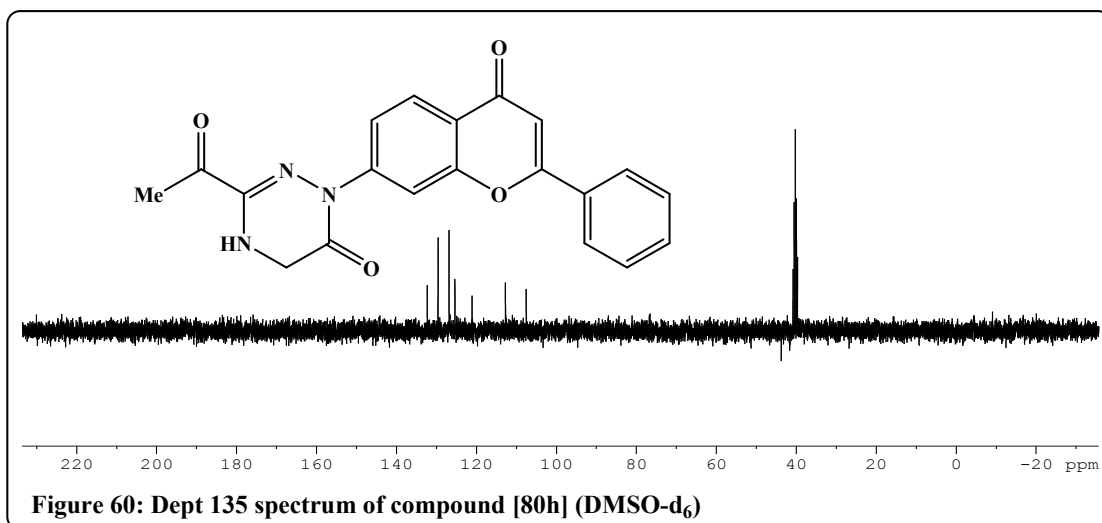
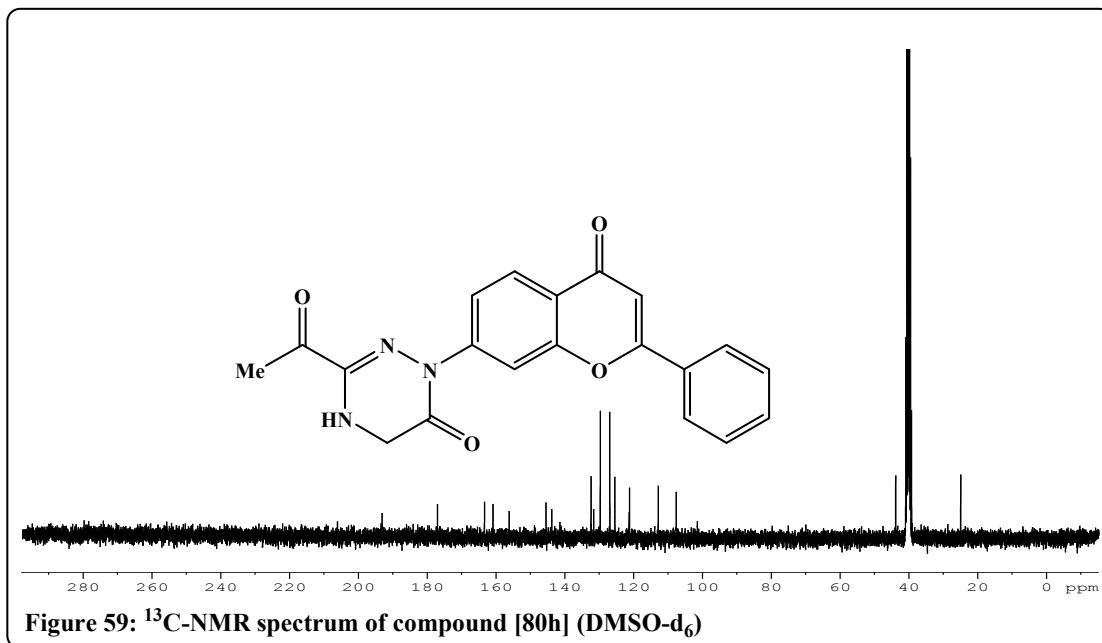




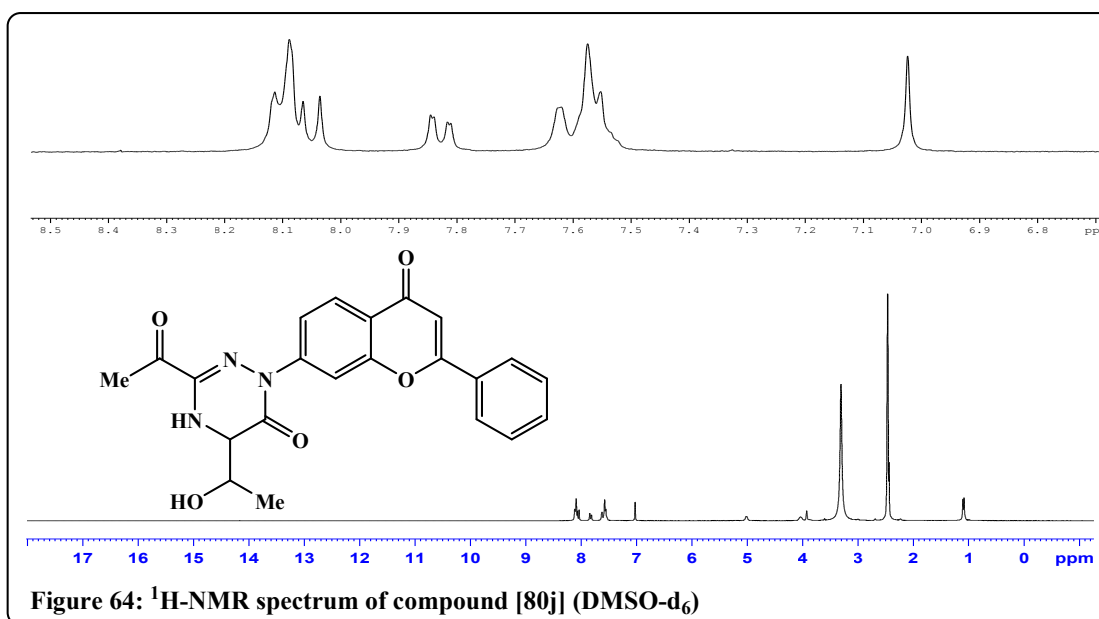
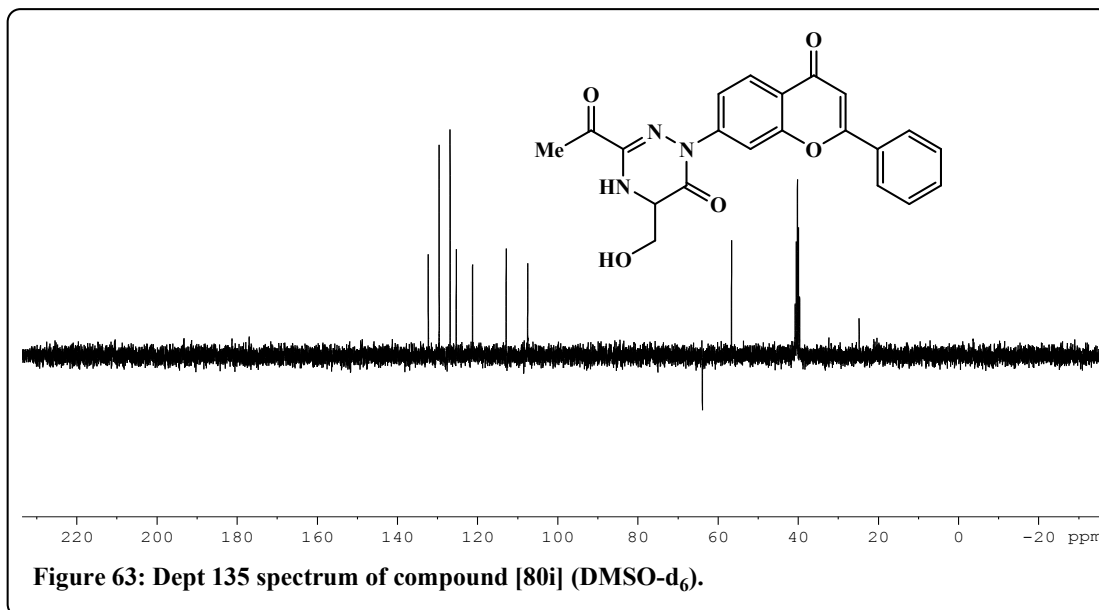


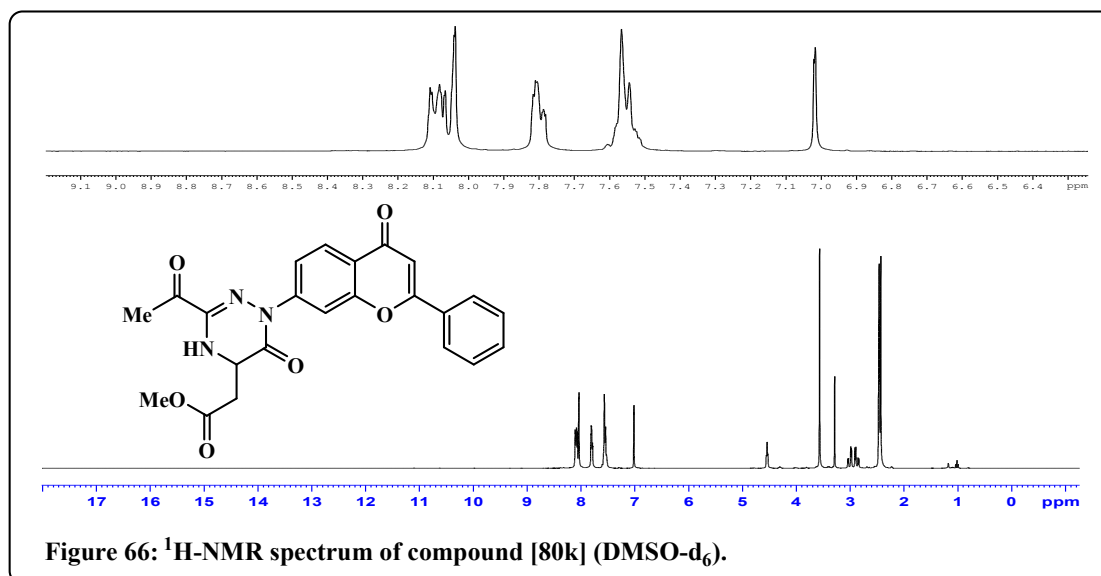
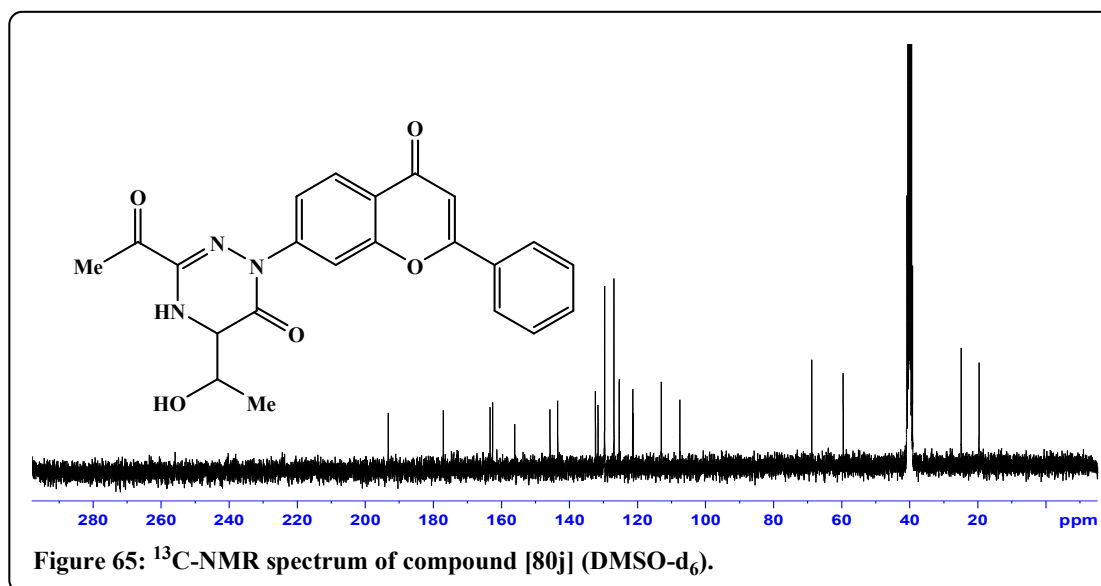


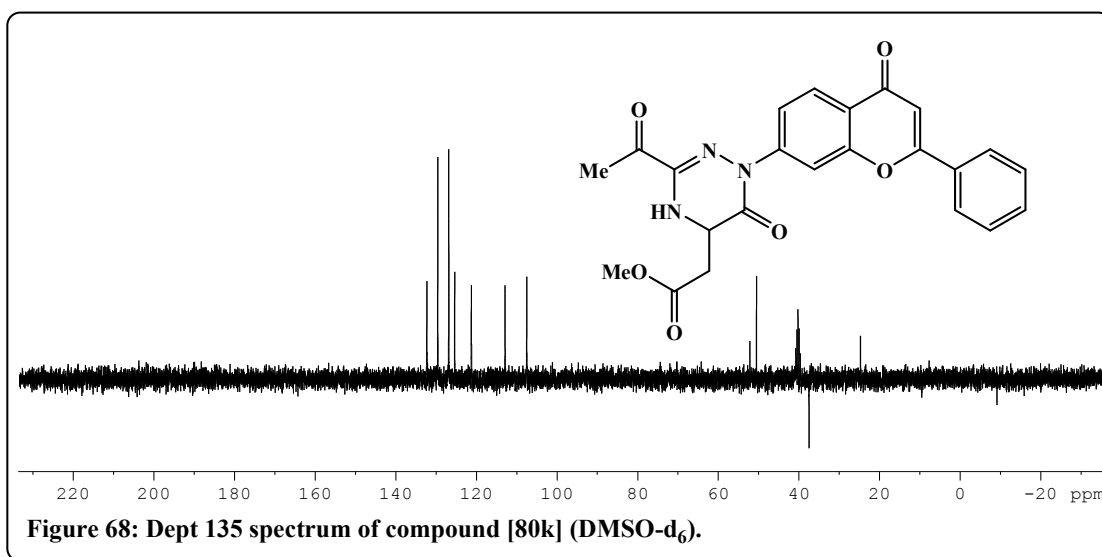
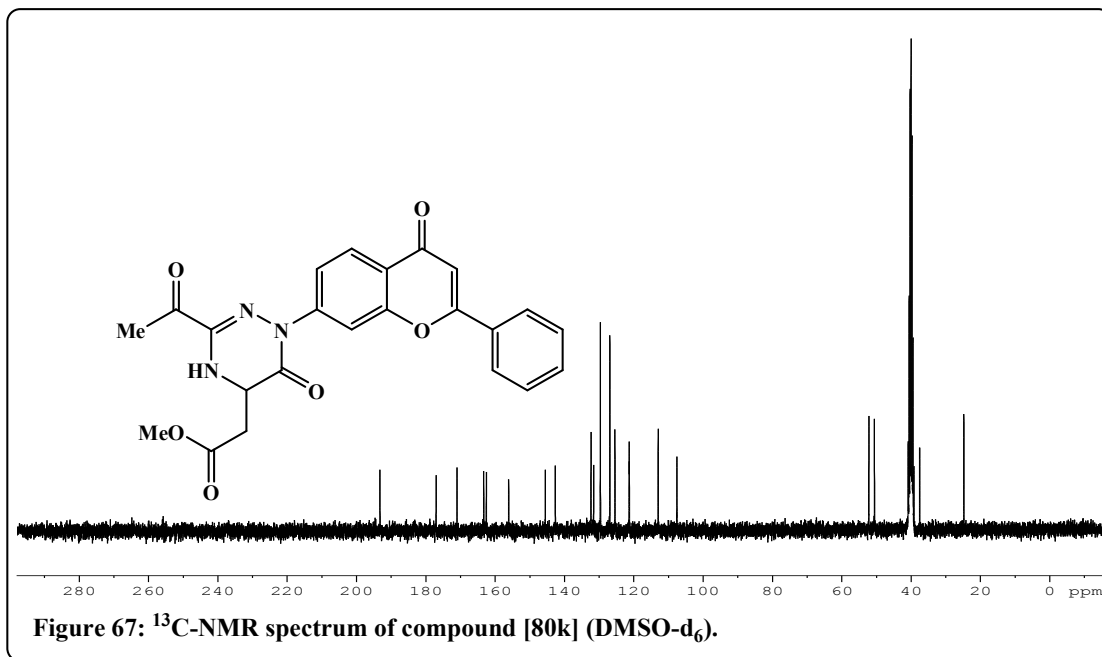












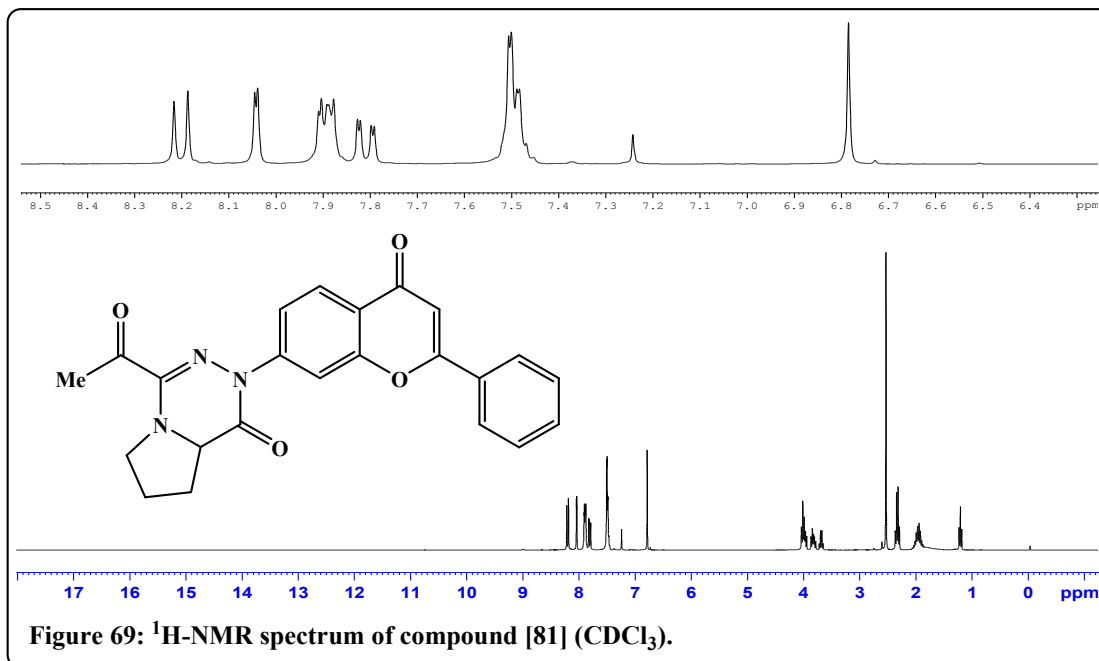


Figure 69:  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of compound [81] ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

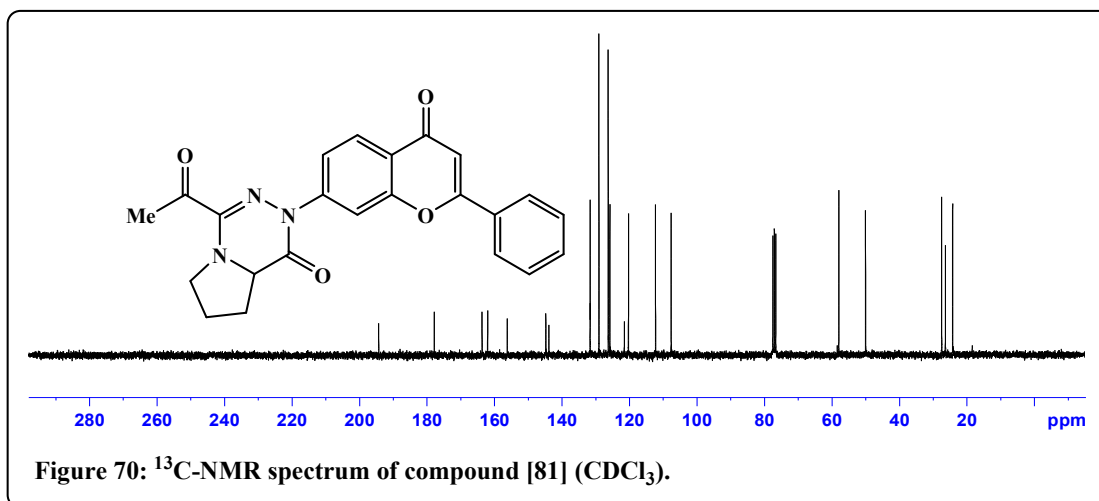


Figure 70:  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound [81] ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



## تحضير ودراسة التأثيرات البيولوجية لبعض مركبات ن1-(فلافون-7-يل)أميدرازون ومثيلاتها ذات العلاقة.

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### الملخص

تم تحضير فلافون-7-يل هيدرازون الكلور (78) عن طريق تفاعل جاب -كلنجيمان، بدءاً من 7-أمينو -فلافون. و تم مفاعلة الهيدرازون الجديد مع مجموعه مختارة من الأمينات الثنائية في وسط قاعدي ليتحول الى أميدرازونات الفلافون -7-يل المناظرة (79).

و كذلك تم تحضير مركبات (1, 2-4) تريازين-6-ونات الفلافون-7-يل (80) و مركب بيرولو (1, 2-4) تريازين-1-ون (81) من خلال مفاعلة فلافون-7-يل هيدرازون (78) مع مجموعة من إسترات الاحماض الأمينية بالظروف نفسها.

وقد تم تشخيص هذه المركبات الجديدة باستخدام بعض التقنيات الطيفية كطيف الرنين النووي المغناطيسي للهيدروجين والكربون 13 وتجارب الرنين ثنائية الأبعاد و مطياف الكتلة. و لقد أجري فحص أولي على فعالية المركبات ضد خلايا سرطان الدم و الثدي و أعطت بعض المركبات نتائج جيدة إلى ممتازة.